

***Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!***  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine (LCMS)**  
**High Feast of Pentecost**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2024**  
**Divine Services**  
**9:30 AM**

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### **Vision**

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

### **Mission**

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

### **Service Offerings**

- Sunday Divine Service at 9:30 am
  - Fellowship in Café at 10:30 am and Adult Bible Study at 11:00 am
- Returning May 29<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 am
- Returning May 29<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:15 pm
- On hiatus until September:
  - Sunday Divine Service at 4:00 pm
  - Individual Confession & Absolution in Sanctuary at 2:30 pm
  - Wednesday Evening Teaching Service at 7:00 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 +

## Prelude

Variations on "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

Michael Burkhardt

## Greeting

**P** "How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!"

**G** "HOW VAST IS THE SUM OF THEM!"

-- Psalm 139:17

## 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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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

## 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es  
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of  
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out - poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;  
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right  
work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the  
And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry  
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright - ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;  
er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be  
pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak - ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your  
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our  
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Kyrie

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

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

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

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

## Gradual

*Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10*

**P** I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.  
With the heart one believes and is justified,  
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

## Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

<sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

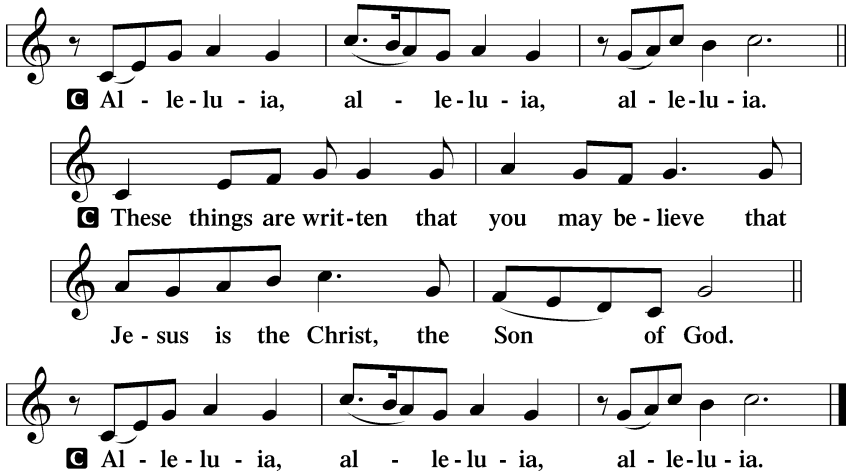
<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



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

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

## Holy Gospel

*John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

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

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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

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



## 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.

*Sit*

## Children's Message

## 500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions  
 2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's  
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to  
 △ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,  
 gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our  
 us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And  
 Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row  
 hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing  
 prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that  
 for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.  
 mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.  
 we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.  
 clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

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## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott Stiegemeier

## Prayer of the Church

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

**C** **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:

**C** **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:

**C** **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:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **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:

**C** **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:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Offering & Offertory

### 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_\_ Je - sus  
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give  
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_\_  
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am  
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of  
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the  
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am  
rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 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, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are 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.

In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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

- 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

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

**G** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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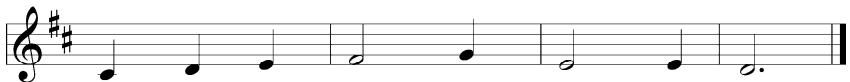
**G** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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

*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.

**G** Amen.

## 503 O Day Full of Grace



1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go That Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be  
earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,  
cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone  
life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,  
us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all  
That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -  
All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the  
All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.  
light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

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## 840 Christ High-Ascended, Now in Glory Seated



1 Christ high-as-cend-ed, now in glo-ry seat-ed, Throned and ex-  
2 Christ from the Fa-ther ev-'ry pow'r pos-sess-ing, Who on His  
3 Christ, who in dy-ing won for us sal-va-tion, Lives now the  
4 Christ in His splen-dor, all do-min-ion gain-ing, Christ with His  
5 As at His part-ing, joy shall ban-ish griev-ing, Faith in His



alt-ed, vic-to-ry com-plet-ed, Death's dread do-min-ion  
cho-sen lift-ed hands in bless-ing, Sends forth His ser-vants,  
first-born of the new cre-a-tion; To win dis-ci-ples  
peo-ple ev-er-more re-main-ing, Christ to all a-ges  
pres-ence strength-en our be-liev-ing; Filled with His Spir-it,



fi-nal-ly de-feat-ed, We are His wit-ness-es.  
still in faith con-fess-ing, We are His wit-ness-es.  
out of ev-'ry na-tion, We are His wit-ness-es.  
glo-ri-ous-ly reign-ing, We are His wit-ness-es.  
love and pow'r re-ceiv-ing, We are His wit-ness-es.

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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** 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

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest  
JS Back

### 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 are looking for volunteers for:  
Ushers, Altar guild and Welcome  
Table. Please let Mark Kuntz know if  
you are interested. Thank you.**



We need additional volunteers for: Livestream, Family Sunday School, & Fellowship Team. *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!*



## Calling All Men!



St. Paul's First Annual Men's Retreat

Introducing St. Paul's very first Men's Retreat! We have room for 40 men to register for this retreat Friday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

No, it is not too soon to register!

Please register soon to be sure to reserve your spot. For more details, see announcement #9 on page 23.



# MEN'S RETREAT

# LIGHT OF THE WORLD PODCAST

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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, several more expenditures are planned. This includes a new baptismal font, seasonal banners, hallway art, new communion ware, 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.

*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**

Bible study is cancelled today and will resume next Sunday May the 26<sup>th</sup> with **1-3 John!**

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



**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

**Lamplight will be on hiatus until September. Please stay tuned for when meetings will resume.**

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**

Our first group starts Season 2, Episode 1 this month. We would like to start a new group with Season 1, Episode 1. If you would like to join the new group please speak to Pastor Espinosa or Laura Miller. The groups meet once per month

5) **Wednesday Evening Bible**

While the Wednesday night Expository Service is on hiatus, Pastor Espinosa is offering a Bible Study Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm here at the church office. This will be a continuation of the Bible Study series on the book of Romans. This Wednesday, May 29th at 7:15 pm Pastor will cover Romans chapter 14.

6) **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in our office classroom with Revelation 17-19. After we conclude Revelation, we will start another book of the Bible. 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.

7) **Private Confession and Absolution**

Available upon request and offered here at the Church. Simply reach out to Pastor Espinosa to schedule a time. 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).

8) **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!

9) **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!" Please pick up a full size flyer on our Welcome Table and invite a friend! Volunteers are needed, so please let Pastor know if you can help out with serving as a puppeteer, leading games, preparing or serving snacks, managing check-in/check-out, helping with crafts, or assisting as a general helper (e.g. helping with handwashing, ensuring children stay hydrated, applying sunscreen, etc.). Any and all help is appreciated!

# 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!***



**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.**





# “JESUS LOVES ME!” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF IRVINE

**VBS will include: songs, snacks, games,  
puppet show, and crafts; but most  
importantly the Gospel message that  
“Jesus Loves Me!”**

**JUNE 10TH-14TH** Irvine Regional Park - Pavilion D  
**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY** Address: 1 Irvine Park Rd  
**FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM** Orange, CA 92869

**PLEASE INVITE YOUR  
NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS!**

To complete the RSVP and pre-registration,  
kindly utilize the QR code provided.  
Thank you!

Website: <https://www.saintpaulsirvine.com/home>



Please pick up a full size flyer at the Welcome Table. Grab an extra to share with a friend or neighbor. 😊

VBS Volunteers are needed! If you're interested in volunteering, please let Pastor know or email [office@saintpaulsirvine.com](mailto:office@saintpaulsirvine.com)

We need help with games, snacks, daily sign-in, and general help such as assisting with restroom breaks, hand washing, applying sunscreen, and making sure kids stay hydrated.

*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), 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/<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>5/19/2024            | Ali Frank,<br>Laura Miller           | Bill Frank, Ed<br>Miller        | Steve Fischer,<br>Bryan Kilduff     | Cindy Kilduff              | Shane<br>Perry    |
| Sunday<br>5/26/2024            | Jeanette<br>Dahlin, Anne<br>Wright   | Elizabeth &<br>Don<br>Brothwell | John Church,<br>Jon Steele          | Anne Wright                | Jon Steele        |
| Sunday<br>6/2/2024             | Nina Mueller,<br>Myra Taylor         | Alex Padilla                    | Bruce<br>Dannemeyer,<br>Karl Blanke | Kui Geisler                | Jim J.            |
| Sunday<br>6/9/2024             | Elizabeth<br>Brothwell,<br>Mei Kuntz | Shane &<br>Nathan Perry         | Mark Kuntz                          | Anne Wright                | Jim J.            |

## Fellowship Rotation

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br>5/19/2024            | Jeanette Dahlin, Mary Seltzer, Dorothy<br>Zeddies                 |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>5/26/2024            | Gary & Daisy Minter, Nancy Howard,<br>Renee Mott, Dorothy Zeddies |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday<br>6/2/2024             | Liana Padilla, Herb & Kiu Geisler, Dorothy<br>Zeddies             |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br>6/9/2024             | 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. |