

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine (LC-MS)

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+ In Jesus' Name +

Welcome to Saint Paul's! We are so glad to welcome you to this Christian congregation. We are here to receive the precious gifts of the Lord Jesus Christ – His Word and Sacrament – to strengthen our faith in Him, to glorify our Heavenly Father, and to walk according to the Holy Spirit. And then having been fed and nourished, go forth into the world to live as His people, sharing His love, and serving all those He puts in our lives. We proclaim the truth of the Gospel: Jesus lived, died, and rose to forgive everyone their sins and to give all everlasting life through faith in His Name! This Gospel is yours! Let us rejoice!

Please let us know how we might serve you! Pastor Espinosa is available to visit with you at various times during the week via phone or in person. We would love to welcome you to our Saint Paul's family! Pastor can be contacted at pastor@saintpaulsirvine.com or 949-379-0883 or check out our website at www.saintpaulsirvine.com

A Little Bit on Saint Paul's: Established in 1947, Saint Paul's moved from Laguna Brach to Irvine in 2011. Rev. Dr. Alfonso O. Espinosa served us from 1996 – 2002 and now once again since January 1, 2011. We celebrate our traditional liturgy not out of “tradition for the sake of tradition”, but because it emphasizes being led by the WORD of the Lord Jesus Christ! Our hymnody not only facilitates praise, but it teaches the saving faith! Our preaching emphasizes Christ and our life in Him! Finally, our weekly administration and reception of the Sacrament keeps us fed and nourished in Christ's body and blood! We are in process of a building search, but we are thankful for this temporary location as the Lord is causing us to grow. After next Sunday, October 21st, we will have over 100 members! All glory be to GOD!

Child care during worship: Ms. Debbie Burns or Mrs. Tracy Brashears are our child care providers during worship. Please exit the main entrance we use to enter worship. As you are walking back out, turn right along the sidewalk and look at the building on your right. You will see an adjacent glass door that is the dance room. Very young children may stay in this room during worship.

New Member Sunday Today! Today we welcome:

1. Sarah Barrick transferring from Grace Lutheran Church, Blainstoun, Iowa (LCMS).
2. Rev. Herb Geisler & Gladys Geisler transferring from Peace Lutheran Church, North Tustin, California (LCMS).
3. Russell & Sharon Dawn, and their daughters, Bethany Grace and Meredith Rose transferring from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Des Peres, Missouri (LCMS).

4. Dr. Herb Geisler and Kiu Geisler transferring from Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Lake Forest, California (LCMS).

We rejoice in our newest members and invite everyone to celebrate our new members with us in the café right after worship!

Prayer before worship: O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and 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 peace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Prelude:

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

Charles Callahan

Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days,
For Your mercy never ending,
For Your love we offer praise.

Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

Pastoral Address:

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: **AND MY MOUTH WILL DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.**

(Psalm 51:15)

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

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

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

906 O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
 At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
 This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
 We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
 We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
 And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
 From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
 The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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Kyrie

LSB 186



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?

¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his

life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Ps. 91:11; 103:1



He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle

Hebrews 4:1–13

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day

later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Mark 10:23–31

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



²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,

³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 τ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

529 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

LSB 529



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, Bears the name a -
2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, Know - ing weak - ness,
3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, Now He sits at
4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, Faith's be - gin - ning

bove all names, Reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing
tears, and pain, Who like us was tried and tempt - ed,
God's right hand, Crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,
and its end, Pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,

Oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— Since to heav'n our
Un - like us, with - out a stain— Since He shared our
His pre - em - i - nence long - planned; Such a great High
Might - y ad - vo - cate and friend; Je - sus, high in

Lord has passed, Let us hold our wit - ness fast!
low - ly place, Let us bold - ly seek His grace.
Priest we have, Strong to help, su - preme to save.
glo - ry raised, Our as - cend - ed Lord be praised!

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Sermon

“Rest”
(Hebrews 4:9-10)
Rev. Dr. Alfonso O. Espinosa

Text (ESV): *⁹“So, then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.”*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen!

Introduction:

A. Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ, the English translations use the words at Hebrews 4:9 “Sabbath rest,” but in the original language, it is only one word “*sab-bat-is-mos*” and *this* word means “rest” or “stop” (as in “stop working”).

B. It is clear how the word is used in Dt 5:12-15:

¹²“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.”

C. The reason the day of rest went from the 7th day (Saturday) to the 1st day (Sunday) was not out human preference, but out of God's preference to make Sunday holy since:

1) Christ rose on Sunday. This was not based on the decision of man, but on the decision of God.

AND

2) The Holy Spirit was poured out on Sunday. This was too was not based on the decision of man, but on the decision of God.

D. The transfer is not merely a switch in days for the sake of Christian distinction, but has significance in that while God rested on the 7th day, sin entered into God's perfect creation not because of anything God did, but because of what man did in rebelling against God. God's response was grace: love and mercy to forgive us and to save us in Christ. Thus, the Church has celebrated the day *after* the 7th day when God provided for the new creation (which the church has sometimes called "the 8th day"/also referring to Sunday...this is why baptismal fonts are shaped as octagons -- even some churches are shaped this way -- to display that we are baptized into the new creation that God has provided for in Christ Jesus. Let me review what I've just said:

1) God created the heavens and the earth in six days.

2) God rested on the 7th day. The old Sabbath-rest.

3) The Fall occurred and God promised Christ (Genesis 3:15).

4) Christ became the new Sabbath and He chose Sunday to depict that NEW BEGINNING or that NEW

SABBATH/REST that God gives symbolized by the day – Sunday – when Jesus rose from the dead and when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Church.

- 5) Sunday is now has a dual number designation: it is both the 1st day of the week; and the 8th day in terms of the symbol of the new creation.**

E. Yes, I know this seems elaborate, so let me refer to Scripture:

Colossians 2:16-17: *“¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgement on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.”*

Part I: There are therefore two kinds of Sabbaths or Rests:

- A. One kind is the rest of the first creation. On the seventh day God rested from all His work of creation which He called “very good” (Genesis 1:31).**
- B. The other kind of rest is the New Rest (and the New Creation) that Jesus brings:**

Matthew 11:28: *“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”*

- C. And the reason that Jesus is in the position to give us the new Sabbath/rest is because He is the basis for the new creation, taking us from sin and death that entered into the world after the first creation and the first Sabbath and transferring us into the new creation, the forgiveness of sins and salvation, and the new Sabbath. Thus:**

2nd Corinthians 5:17: *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”*

Part II: And the author of Hebrews is warning us not to miss out in entering into the Sabbath rest.

- A. He refers to the ultimate Sabbath-rest which is our heavenly glory, when all work, labor, pain, toil, anguish, sadness, straining, etc. will absolutely pass way and we will be in a glorious – and very (and marvelously) active – place called “heaven.” We can never do its description justice. But in relation to our theme: imagine being occupied and active in such a way that no energy is expended (that is where no entropy cripples or tires you) and yet your activity represents the most powerful and glorious expression of life at the same time. The two ideas seem contradictory and yet this too describes heaven.**
- B. The author of Hebrews makes it clear that this new Sabbath rest is for you, the people of God (all who have saving faith in Christ) and at the same time, this means that you enter into God’s rest and from “works”...you rest from “works” as God rested from His when He created all things.**
- C. These are fascinating words and certainly they refer to when you enter heaven.**

Revelation 14:13: *“And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now*

on.’ ‘Blessed indeed,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!’”

- D. But we must ask, “Why is it that you are assured of entering into this rest?”
- E. The answer is because of Jesus!
- F. But if that is the answer (and it is!), then it must be that in a way, this rest has already begun in your life, and indeed it has! After-all, you’ve been baptized into Christ, the One who is the REST for God’s people!
- G. But you need to be aware that there are forces – which include your sinful nature – that try to keep you from enjoying this rest.
- H. Your sin, the world, and the devil try desperately to keep you from resting.
- I. It is absolutely amazing how crazy life can get so as to run you down, exhaust you, make your head spin, and when you get so busy; when you are working so hard...it is the easiest thing in the world to stop praying, to stop being in the Word of God, and yes, even to stop worshipping...all of a sudden, we are working so much that our own sin, the world, and the devil start to take over our lives...and we what find occurring is an evil irony...there is something we’ve stopped...but it isn’t the work; it is the worship of God! And this is the pattern that can keep you from the Sabbath of glory...may it never be!

Part III: So how can you dear Christian be protected from this possibility? The Lord ensures that your rest in Christ begins now so that you will know its ultimate expression in heaven:

- A. How does God do this?**
- B. By keeping you in the way that Jesus, the new REST, the new SABBATH, comes to you: in and through His Word.**
- C. So recall the way we teach the 3rd commandment in the Lutheran Church in accord with God's Word. Let's go back into time and act like we are in confirmation all over again reviewing the Small Catechism! Ready?**

What is the Third Commandment?

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

- D. Dear Christian I am not even exaggerating: your one source of keeping real REST in life; of keeping the new Sabbath in life; of keeping you from going insane; or exhausted to the point of despair and becoming confounded and lost in life is to remain steadfast in the Word of Christ...don't leave the Word of Jesus...keep it in your heart, in your soul, and in your mind...hear it, read it, mark it, learn it, and inwardly digest it...this will guard you and keep you in Christ, your REST.**

Part IV and Conclusion: Even the early Luther was brilliant.

- A. I composed a chart which summarizes his teaching on this important subject of REST:**
- B. First Luther taught that like the ark that saved mankind after the flood which continued the new creation line leading to Jesus, that ark – Noah’s ark – had three chambers and Luther says so does man. Man has three chambers or three aspects to himself or herself: there is the sensual man, the rational man, and the spiritual man.**
- C. Here’s the chart summarizing Luther from his commentary on Hebrews 4:**

	<u>Sensual Man</u>	<u>Rational Man</u>	<u>Spiritual Man</u>
Outward Rest/Rest positively:	Takes pleasure in perceptible	Pleasant thoughts	In the Word
Disturbed & Troubled:	That thing taken away	Sad thoughts	Word withdrawn
Inward Rest/Rest negatively:	When rational man takes over	When spiritual man takes over	Lifted up by faith & Word
Disturbed & Troubled:	Confused or sad	Danger of losing faith	No inward disturbance/No evening on 7th day

D. But why does the cycle end with “no inward disturbance”? Because just as there was no evening on the 7th day, there is no evening on the 8th day, so that there is no evening on you the new creation. Darkness cannot cover you, because your eternal REST is Christ your Savior! Your rest remains eternal; your rest remains strong, because your REST is in CHRIST!

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

Offering and Musical Offertory: *Amazing Grace* Wilbur Held

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

Profession of Faith (Reception of Members by Transfer or Profession of Faith)

- P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R *Yes, I do.*
- P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- R *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
- P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R *I do.*
- P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?
- R *I do.*
- P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are [a member/members] of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

LSB 265

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 seasonable 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.

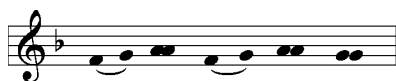
Luther's Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

- P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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

LSB 195

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


Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P 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.
- C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

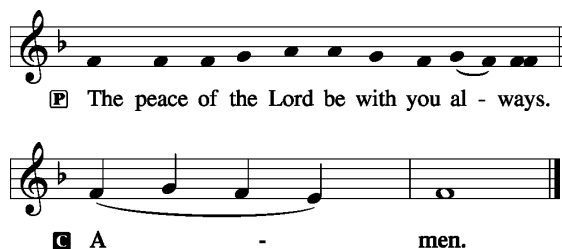
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P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ bod - y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
G A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

■ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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 T in peace.

597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

LSB 597



1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness
 2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that
 3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of
 4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
 5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing
 Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried
 death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us
 sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing
 its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing



Life has come, with life for all.
 Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.
 With His bod - y and His blood.
 Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.
 Life has come, with life for all.

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1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

- 5 The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
 The triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
 All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live!

Stand

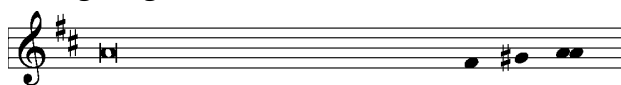
Nunc Dimittis

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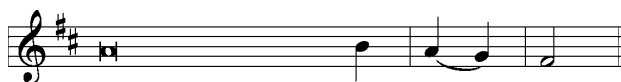
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



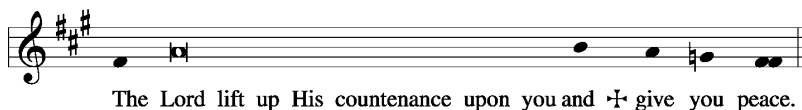
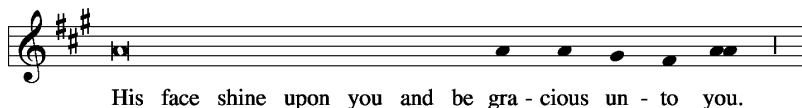
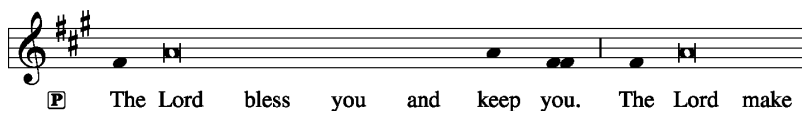
A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

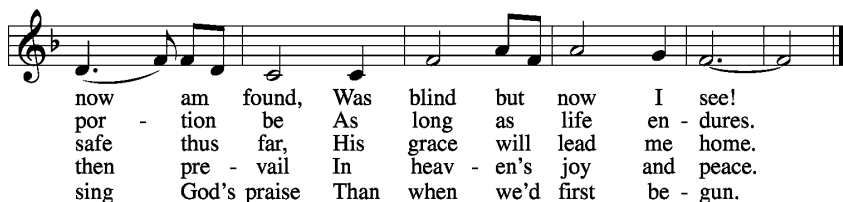
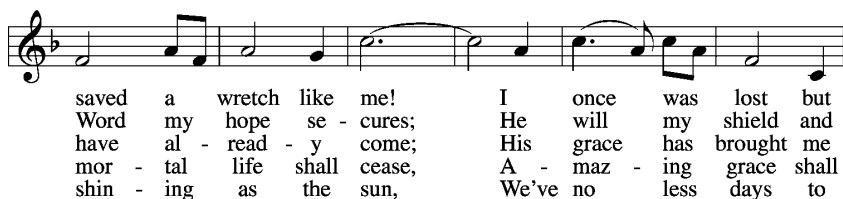
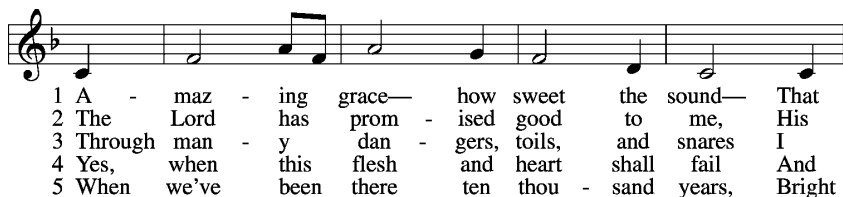
Benediction

LSB 202



744 Amazing Grace

LSB 744



Postlude: *Amazing Grace*

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Announcements:

1. Today's Schedule:

8:00 am: Set-up

9:30 am: Divine Service/Worship

10:45 am: Celebration Reception of New Members

1:30 pm: Confirmation at Pastor's House

2. Bible Study this Week:

Tuesday, October 23rd at CUI, Alpha 101 at 7 pm:

Table Talk

Wednesday, October 24th at Pastor's house at 7 pm:

Galatians

3. 5th-6th Confirmation: we are making appointments for home visits for the biblical foundations training for all 5th and 6th graders. If your appointment has not yet been made, please speak to Pastor.

4. **Next Sunday Bible Study:** After we finish our current study on Witness, Mercy, & Life Together, Pastor Espinosa is teaming up with Pastor Herb Geisler to present “The Six Chief Parts in The Lutheran Confession.” Come grow in your knowledge of the Ten Commandments, the Apostle’s Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession & Absolution, and the Sacrament of the Altar. This study will begin in about 2-3 weeks.
5. **GREAT news:** Crean Lutheran High School is permitting us to use this event center for the following services:

Sunday, December 23rd at 9:30 am

Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 25th Christmas Day at 9:30 am

We are offering more services to reach more people with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ! Please mark your calendars!

6. **8th grade through all high school grades:** We are going to the “From Above” Higher Things Conference at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA July 16th-19th, 2013. Please mark your calendars! Your fearless Director of Youth, Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder is getting everything organized!

7. Reformation Hymn Fest: You are invited to this event being held at Faith Lutheran Church, Capistrano Beach, 34381 Calle Portola, Capistrano Beach, CA 92629 on Saturday, October 27th, 2012. There is a potluck lunch at 11:30 am; the hymn fest at 1:00 pm and a 2:00 pm Town Hall Q/A. Who is the special guest? Glad you asked: Pastor Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.
8. Pastoral visitations, counseling, and private confession & absolution are all available upon request. Pastor makes house calls or will meet you in his study! Pastor Espinosa can be reached at 949-379-0883 or rev.dr.espinosa@gmail.com
9. Remember to check out our website at www.saintpaulsirvine.org
10. Saint Paul's (formerly of Laguna Beach) restarted here in Irvine on April 10th, 2011:
- 2011 average Sunday attendance: 41.5
2012 average Sunday attendance: 64.2
Last 12 Sundays: 75.6
11. High School! We have a Facebook page! Please be sure to "friend" Elizabeth Snyder at www.facebook.com/elizabeth.espinosa.snyder. If you are already a member, remember to check the group

page and remember to send in votes via Facebook message.

12. Congratulations to Debbie Bunn who was elected to be our lay representative to the 2013 Synodical Convention for Circuit 15.

13. High School Youth First Evangelthon: Sunday, October 28th 11 am to 2 pm meeting at the café and we will have pizza for lunch! ☺ Please wear comfortable shoes. We are going to the neighboring housing community by Crean to pass out our brand-new brochures. Please seek to get sponsors and direct them to our sign-up board. The board will be on display this Sunday.

14. UPCOMING PERFORMANCES AT CUI:

Friday, October 26th Fall Concert, Women's Ensemble and Men's Chorus at 7:30 P.M. At CUI

Till We Have Faces, Theatre Performance, November 2, 3, 9, 10 at 7:30 P.M. and November 4 & 11 at 2:00 P.M.

Veteran's Day Concert, Concordia Wind Orchestra and Sinfonietta, Sunday, November 11 at 5:00 P.M.

15. Concordia's Flute Ensemble will be visiting Saint Paul's on November 11th. We are graciously looking forward to their visit!

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- **instant** rice
- breakfast bars
- canned meat
- cereal
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- children's Tylenol
- band-aids
- hand & body soap
- shampoo
- razors
- lotion
- wash cloths
- gift certificates
- fast food certificates
- can opener (hand-held)
- feminine hygiene
- blankets
- socks
- undergarments
- toilet paper
- coloring books/pens/paper

Saturday, October 27, 2012

REFORMATION HYMN FEST

**JOINING US WILL BE PASTOR MATTHEW HARRISON
PRESIDENT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD**

11:30 AM – POTLUCK LUNCH

**1:00 PM – REFORMATION HYMN FEST
IN THE SANCTUARY**

2:00 PM – TOWN HALL Q/A MEETING ON PATIO

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LIVE Friday, November 2 - Saturday, November 3

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3-5 pm The Trinity Dr. Carl Fickenscher

5-7 pm Christ Dr. Ken Schurb

7-9 pm Original Sin, Free Will & Conversion Pr. Peter Bender

9-11 pm Justification Pr. George Borghardt

11 pm-1 am Law & Gospel Pr. Bill Cwirla

1-3 am New Obedience & Good Works Pr. Tom Baker

3-5 am The Ministry & The Keys Pr. Jonathan Mumme

5-7 am The Church Dr. John Kleinig

7-9 am Baptism Pr. Brent Kuhlman

9-11 am The Lord's Supper Pr. Jonathan Fisk

11 am-1 pm Confession & Absolution Dr. Larry Rast

1-3 pm Christ's Return Dr. Laurence White