

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷**My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.** ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Pray for these we know to be in need of resolution, healing, support and comfort:



The Cisneros family; Ivy & John Conklin; Austin Marsh; Ewalani Odachi; Brian Kurihara; George Aspeitia; Jim Gagne; Ed Sais; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Celia Torres; Maxine Miller’s son, Leonard; Aki Fukui; Lily Fukui; Karri Padilla; Susan and Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; Meher Montessori School; and all who are sick from COVID-19 in our nation and across the globe; for those who face discrimination; and for our country, our military and first responders; watch over those who are affected by the war in Ukraine. May all families be reunited and let there be a peaceful resolution.



Next — Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Sunday Service at 9:30AM

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30am

While LA County has formally rescinded the masking order as of 3/4/22, masks are still being recommended for use in public settings, such as our worship space. For the safety of our at-risk members and our current visiting pastor, please wear a mask and maintain social distancing for the time being.

If you have forgotten a mask, we do have extras, in both adult and kid sizes, in the Narthex.

News and Needs

- **The Lord's Supper**, our sharing of the bread and wine as Jesus invites us to do, is open to all who accept the presence of Jesus in this simple meal. Jesus comes to us with forgiveness independently of our human understanding. We continue to use pre-filled communion chalices for a sanitary, safe, and traditional communion experience. We rejoice in our opportunity to join together in praise and thanksgiving to God. Newcomers among us are invited to participate in every aspect of our worship. Any questions? Please ask.
- Today we are happy to welcome back **Pr. David Berkedal**, who will preside over our worship this morning. Pr. Berkedal and his wife, Rev. Sally run a YouTube channel called "Streams of Living Water" which can be found at the following link: (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB7KnYS1bpHKaL2OseQWCnw>), and a blog (<http://pastorberkedalsblog.blogspot.com/>) that you are welcome to check out as well.
- **Coffee Hour & Fellowship will be held in the lounge following today's service.** Today's refreshments are provided by Lilly Fukui. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the lounge for volunteers to host for the coming Sundays.
- **Thank you to all who came out to support the All-American Boys Chorus on Saturday evening! It was a wonderful way to begin Mother's Day Weekend!**
- **The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments** is collecting donations to help out the homeless communities in our area as well as items for welcome kits for the new housing village opening in Montebello on May 18th. Items on the wishlist are posted in the Narthex and can either be brought to church by May 15th or bought directly from Amazon. The link to their wishlist is <https://amzn.to/3FiP60W>
- **Save the Date!** Our friends at American Legion Post 397 will be hosting their annual Memorial Day event on Monday, May 30th at 10am. If you would like to volunteer, please let Jean Sais or Jo Anne Mitchell know or send Elizabeth an e-mail or call the office. We had a great turnout last year and hope to see our returning volunteers as well as some new faces this year! Additionally, there are still looking for monetary donations to help renovate their facility so if you can help, please do! They do so much for the Monterey Park community.
- **Have extra canned food?** Please consider bringing it to church for use in our food pantry. We will also be accepting health/beauty supplies like travel sized bottles of shampoo, toothpaste, and soap. We are working on putting together another service project in the coming months. If anyone has any ideas on organizations we can support or projects we can take on, please contact Elizabeth.

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Birthdays in May:

- **David Cisneros (May 17)**
- **George Sais (May 29)**