



Journeys

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“The Divinity of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark”

In scholarly debate and also a lot of not-so-scholarly debate online, people often disagree about the claims of who Jesus was, based on what the authors of Scripture wrote about him, and what Jesus says about himself. Mark is generally agreed upon as the earliest written Gospel account and John as the latest (though both within the 1st century A.D.). Some claim that Mark never portrays Jesus as the unique, divine Son of God, which was an addition over time as a high Christology evolved into the time of the Gospel of John. I think this misses huge parts of the narrative of Mark and so I would like to walk through the book as much as possible to show where and how Jesus is both described as, and calls himself divine.

Right away in chapter 1 of Mark we hear a quote from the prophet Isaiah chapter 40: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Going back to the original we see the word translated to English “LORD” from Hebrew is actually the proper name of God: YHWH (any time you see the word LORD in your Bible in all capital letters it is actually the proper name of God and not the Hebrew word Adonai which is literally Lord). Then we find out who it is that John is preparing for and it is Jesus. So Jesus is put

directly into the place of this prophecy about YHWH, equating him with God. Chapter 2 begins with the story of the paralytic man being let down by his friends through the roof of the house where Jesus was staying, because it was so crowded. Jesus surprises them all by forgiving the man, which the Pharisees think is blasphemy because only God is supposed to forgive sins. Yet they did not say anything out loud, they only questioned in their hearts. Jesus knew what their thoughts were, Jesus knew the contents of their hearts, things that God is only supposed to be able to



know (see Jeremiah 17:10, 20:12; Psalm 7:9; 1 Chronicles 28:9).

Later at the end of the same chapter Jesus responds to the questions about his disciples on the Sabbath, he says that “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

Keep the title “Son of Man” in mind because it will come up later throughout and especially at the end of the Gospel. Jesus continues to do things that YHWH is described as doing in the Old Testament. At the end of chapter 4 Jesus is asleep in a boat with his disciples in the middle of a storm. They rush to wake him up because they are afraid

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Our Mission Statement

Striving to mirror Christ in word and action by reaching out to serve others!

Misión de la Iglesia Esforzándonos para reflejar a Cristo en palabra y acción ¡Para alcanzar y servir a la comunidad



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they are going to be capsized and drown. Jesus stands up and rebukes the wind and the waves and they become still. Psalm 89:9, speaking of YHWH, says “You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.” And again “Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble and he brought them out of their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed” (Psalm 107:28-29). These are just two out of many such verses in the Old Testament, showing how Jesus acted in the same manner that God is described in controlling the natural world, specifically the wind and waves.

Both of the prophets Elijah and Elisha prayed to God who brought little children back to life (see 1 Kings 17 and 2 Kings 4), similar to Jesus bringing the little daughter of the synagogue leader Jairus back to life in chapter 5. At first glance these look like pretty much the same stories. However when we read them carefully we see that both Elijah and Elisha prayed to God who healed the child through them. It shows how much they were connected to God of course, and that they were indeed amazing prophets. Yet in the story of Jesus he simply commands the little girl to get up, and she immediately got up and walked around. Jesus directly brought the little girl to life, something that YHWH does in the Old Testament.

Chapter 6 tells of Jesus feeding five thousand, which connects to God feeding the people of Israel in Exodus 16. Then Jesus walks on water just like YHWH is the one who walks on water in the Old Testament (e.g. Job 9:8). Jesus makes a deaf and mute man speak

in chapter 7, and then a blind man to see in chapter 8, as God was to do in Isaiah 35:5-6. Then again in chapter 8 we get Jesus referring to himself as the “Son of Man,” the same important title we saw before that will come up once again in the trial of Jesus. The exorcism of the boy in chapter 9 reminds us of an important point: Most exorcists would use fancy prayers and incantations in order to get demons to leave oppressed people. They called on someone else’s name such as a god in order to do so. Jesus commands the evil spirits directly and they obey his commands. Then others begin to exorcize demons in the name of Jesus, like they might call upon the name of God.

There are more references to the divinity that we could dive into, but for the sake of time and space we will conclude with our discussion of the “Son of Man” title, the main one that Jesus uses to refer to himself. For instance he says after the great suffering and changes that are destined for the world, “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven” (Mark 13:26-27). And when asked by the high priest if he was “the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One,” Jesus said “I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven” (Mark 14:62). The high priest responded to this with outrage, calling it blasphemy, and tearing his clothes, and all of them subsequently condemned him to death.

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The high priest and the others of the Sanhedrin responded so dramatically because they were familiar with the prophecies of the Son of Man in the book of Daniel. In Daniel 7 the empires of the world are brought before the Ancient One (God) for judgment, and they are destroyed and burned with fire, or their dominions are taken away for a period of time. Then Daniel reports: "As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being (Son of Man) coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed" (Daniel 7:13-14).

The Son of Man in this passage of Daniel is someone who is given the authority of God throughout the whole world. Dominion, glory, kingship over all the world, and the fact that it is an everlasting kingship, are all attributes or titles that are ascribed to God (YHWH). The high priest and the rest of the Sanhedrin knew what this

passage was referring to, and that is why they reacted the way they did. The Son of Man is seen as the embodied manifestation of God on earth, and that is who Jesus was claiming to be. Not only that but he would return with judgment upon the clouds (the place of God).

As you can see, throughout the Gospel according to Mark Jesus is seen as, and speaks of himself as, divine. In so many ways his presence is the same as the presence of YHWH. He forgives, he knows the hearts of people, he directly heals, exorcises demons, and even resurrects people. He walks on water, calms the waves and the wind, feeds huge crowds of people, and more. Ultimately he places himself in the prophecy of Daniel, as the human one who would come in God's name and bring God's presence, and ultimately rule over the whole universe. And so we can see from the very outset of Christianity and the writings about Jesus, he was clearly seen as the Divine Son of God, and Son of Man.

— Pastor Nate Allen

Lenten Supper and Worship

Wednesdays, March 12, 19 & 26, April 2 & 9
Join us at 6 p.m. for supper in the Parish Hall
Followed by worship at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Lenten Suppers hosted by:

03/12—Esther Circle (Chili salad & Cornbread)

03/19 - Sarah Circle (Taco soup, Salad & Rolls)

03/26—Rahab Circle

4/2—Men's Group (Volunteers Needed please contact Tom Pankow)

4/9—Sarah Circle—(Pizza & Salad)



Our Vision Statement

We are a Christ-centered, redeemed family of God, that loves our community, embodies service and care for all people, and shares our joy and faith in God's grace, mercy and love. As disciples of Christ, we pray to be led by God's Spirit. We learn and grow in wisdom through Scripture, and we embrace inclusivity in our ministry and mission.

Declaración de Visión

Somos una familia de Dios redimida y centrada en Cristo, que ama a nuestra comunidad, viviendo en el servicio y el cuidado de todas las personas, y que comparte nuestra alegría y fe en la gracia, la misericordia y el amor de Dios. Como discípulos de Cristo, oramos para ser guiados por el Espíritu de Dios. Aprendemos y crecemos en sabiduría a través de las Escrituras, y practicamos la inclusión en nuestro ministerio y misión.



Stewardship Update

Congregational giving in January was almost \$4,000 higher than January of last year.

Expenses for January were \$10,000 more than last year due to higher staffing levels and increased benefits (\$7,000), increased water usage due to leaks (\$2,000), and January timing of certain expenses (\$1,000).

	<u>Jan. 2025</u>	<u>Jan. 2024</u>	<u>Total Year 2025</u>	<u>Total Year 2024</u>
Congregation Offerings	\$ 30,330	\$ 26,685	\$ 30,330	\$ 26,685
Other Income	\$ 5,292	\$ 4,638	\$ 5,292	\$ 4,638
Expense Offsets	\$ 525	\$ 125	\$ 525	\$ 125
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 36,147	\$ 31,448	\$ 36,147	\$ 31,448
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 48,820	\$ 38,502	\$ 48,820	\$ 38,502
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (12,673)	\$ (7,054)	\$ (12,673)	\$ (7,054)

Thank you for your continuing financial support of our ministry and mission.
 — —Bill Jennings, Treasurer



March Outreach Challenge

As we highlight ways to reach others please consider working with Thrivent, a not-for-profit national Lutheran Financial Service provider. With every eligible account, you have the opportunity to apply for a *Thrivent Action Team*. If you have a fundraiser, educational event, service project or some other idea of how to help others, Thrivent will support your mission with a \$250 gift cart to help jump start your event. *Thrivent Action Teams* make it easy to live generously. It starts with a simple question: "Who can I help and how?" Identify a community need and grab

friends and family to form a volunteer team and brainstorm ways to address it. We have used many *Thrivent Action Teams* for many SPLC events and donation drives – it’s a win-win for us as we “reach out to serve others.” Some of our prior Action Teams have been used for Vacation Bible School, Operation Christmas Child, Posada, and Bingo.

If you are not a current member but know someone at SPLC that currently is a member of Thrivent, consider asking them to help set up

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a **Thrivent Action Team** for you. For those of you that are already Thrivent members, be sure to check up on **Your Choice Dollars®** balance. Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding of which SPLC can be a recipient.

If you are planning on investing, consider an organization such as Thrivent that can invest back in you, SPLC and our local community.

Please note that this is not a marketing campaign for Thrivent but simply a reminder of resources many of us have that can be used to positively impact our local church community. Contact Christian Bakken with any questions or visit Thrivent.com for more information.

— *Christian Bakken*



Membership benefits

Thrivent members enjoy access to a wealth of resources and programs that make it easier to live more generous and meaningful lives.

Save the Date—Spring Cleaning Work Day

Join us on Saturday, April 12
from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Help us get the church and grounds ready for Easter!



OCC Collections

Thanks so much to you all for your ongoing support. We continue to collect the following for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

March: Hair ties, hair clips, hats, sunglasses

April: Playing cards, puzzles, small balls, craft kits





STEPHEN MINISTRY PAGE

Currently we have 7 Stephen Ministers and 4 Leaders. Currently Serving in 8 Caring Relationships

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ
Galatians 6:2

Why You'll Never Lose Your Salvation

John 10:28-29 (KJV)

²⁸ "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

One of the greatest lies Satan whispers to all of us is that we can lose our salvation. He stirs up doubt, fear, and worry, causing us to question whether we're truly saved or not. Thankfully the words of Jesus tell us the opposite of our thoughts. If you believe in him, you are eternally secure. In John 10:28, Jesus promises us one thing. "I give unto them eternal life." Eternal life isn't temporary. It isn't based on your performance, your works, or your ability to hold onto God. It's based solely on Jesus, who holds onto you! Many people worry about whether they've done enough to stay saved. But salvation was never about what we can do, it's about what He's already done. On the cross, Jesus declared, "It is finished". He didn't leave anything undone. His sacrifice was complete, perfect, and eternal.

The gospel isn't about what you achieve, it's about what Jesus has already accomplished.

Your righteousness isn't based on your ability to avoid sin, it's based on Jesus' obedience and his eternal sacrifice. Sadly, many people don't believe this simple truth. Satan has a simple strategy, he makes you doubt your sal-

vation, in order to steal your joy and distract you from sharing the gospel. When you focus on your works, your failures, or your feelings, you begin to lose sight of the truth. That is why God calls us to walk not by sight, feelings, or circumstances, but by faith. You must believe that Jesus has made you holy, righteous, and blameless in God's sight. Your salvation doesn't depend on your performance but solely on Jesus' sacrifice.

Doubt comes when you focus on "you", whereas faith comes when you focus on Jesus.

The beauty of salvation is that it's a gift, not a wage. We don't do anything to work for it. When you believe in Jesus, you can rest in the assurance that your salvation is secure. God doesn't break His promises, and He doesn't change His mind. Once you are saved, you are always saved.

Eternal life isn't something you can earn, so it's also not something you can lose either. I hope we can let go of the worry and fear that Satan tries to plant in your heart. Trust that Jesus' sacrifice was enough. When doubts creep in, remind yourself of God's promises. That he chose you over his only begotten son. He reconciled us forever!

Amen!

Core of the Heart | Daily Devotion

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Council Corner

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the Lenten season, we are reminded of this sacred time for us to reflect on our faith, repent for our sins, and renew our commitment to God's teachings. Beginning with our annual pancake dinner on Ash Wednesday and lasting for 40 days, this season invites us to engage in fasting, prayer, and acts of charity. It is a period of spiritual growth where we examine our lives, seek forgiveness, and strive to make meaningful changes that align with the teachings of Jesus. As we journey through Lent, let us remember the profound love and sacrifice of Christ and prepare our hearts for the joyous celebration of Easter. To align with our theme for the year, we will be emphasizing evangelism during our Wednesday Lenten services

We are still collecting donations to refresh our digital sign on the corner of Harbor and Las Palmas. Even if you already have an insulated tumbler with the new St. Paul logo, consider sub-

mitting an additional donation to "gift a cup to a new friend" to include in the Evangelism/Welcome package we are preparing to give visitors. We are already half way to reaching our goal of \$5,600 to improve our visual presence to passers-by and welcome them on Sunday morning with the Welcome gift. This year, our Bingo fundraiser will be on Friday, May 2, with donations directed to support the salary of our Intern Pastor, Perla Flores.

Bring your own beverage in your St. Paul insulated tumbler to our new worship expression service, "Gospel Brew," which takes place on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 pm. Join Pastor Nate for a casual time of prayer, music, gospel, communion, and snacks. Additional opportunities to engage with and support our community will be announced in the bulletin, weekly emails, and newsletter.

Blessings,
Kathleen Preston

Congregational Day of Fasting

Our stewardship team has picked April 6 as a Congregational Day of Fasting. As we get close to ending Lent and preparing for Holy Week and Easter, we will use this time of fasting to refocus our hearts and minds on God in Jesus Christ, to be filled by God's Spirit, so that we might better live out God's will. We can also use this time to pray for the future of St. Paul Lutheran Church, as well as our whole nation and world.

We encourage a 12, 24, or 36 hour fast depending on how you are called. If fasting for even 12 hours is not feasible due to medical reasons, please consider fasting from something else such as technology during that time (you can even add technology to your regular fast if you feel like it!). Please talk to Pastor Nate if you need some more information about fasting.



COUNCIL CORNER



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HEALTH MINISTRY PAGE

Let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,* whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.
Acts of the Apostles 4.10

Lenten Fasting

This month we begin the forty days of Lent. Here is some interesting information regarding this period of our spiritual life. I hope this information gives you a better understanding of our Lenten traditions.

There are biblical references of the period of forty days; including Moses, who went into the mountains for 40 days and 40 nights to pray and fast 'without eating bread or drinking water' before receiving the Ten Commandments Exodus 34: 28. Also the prophet Elijah went into the mountains for 40 days and nights to fast and pray 'until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God, when the word of the Lord came to him. In the New Testament, Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days and 40 nights, when Satan tried to tempt him. Matthew 4:1-3. The periods of day and night fasts of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus prepared them for their work.

Our Lutheran church orders in the 16th century encouraged the observation of the Lenten fast and we may observe this season with a serene, earnest attitude. According to *A Handbook for the Discipline of Lent* published by the ELCA there are guidelines for fasting, abstinence, and other forms of self-denial during Lent.

1. Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday with only one simple meal during the day.
2. Refrain from eating meat (bloody foods) on all Fridays in Lent, substituting fish for example.
3. Eliminate a food or food group for the entire season. Especially consider saving rich and fatty foods for Easter.
4. Consider not eating before receiving Communion in Lent.
5. Abstain from or limit a favorite activity (television, movies, video games) for the entire season, and spend more time in prayer, Bible study and reading devotional material.
6. Don't just give up something that you have to give up for your doctor or diet anyway.

These guidelines are not mandatory, and we do not encourage taking away good nutrition and hydration as our personal health needs are our priority. It is not expected that children and seniors with health issues follow all the dietary restrictions. It is often the habit to give up sweets, soda, alcohol or desserts for forty days, which are simple habits to practice.

Lent may be a time for positive actions. It is easy to add more fruits and vegetables to your diet, take time to exercise, even if just a fifteen minute walk each day, and take time for reading devotion and the Bible to enrich our Lenten experience. Lenten blessings to you all.

The Health Ministry Team

WELCA Update

If one were to ask me what I thought of 2025 so far, I'd not have a positive reply. Too many events with dire consequences and loss of life have left me with a heavy heart. Yet, in the midst of unimaginable tragedy, I'm aware of and grateful for God's presence and His provisions— even when I don't readily see them. The Bible continually points out God's love for each of us; God knows our needs and He provides, sometimes working through others, to meet those needs. God is good.

As our SPLC motto states "Gods work, our hands", I marvel at all the ways our church community comes together to support each other and our community at large. Through us, our God who loves and cares for each person, is honored. While Lent is viewed as a season for sacrifice, this year I'm motivated to give up "personal" time in service to others.



WELCA members continually donate time and talents in service to others, both within our church and community. Each circle takes on specific service projects throughout the year to benefit our local community. WELCA's Care & Concern chair sends cards to encourage SPLC members; if you have get well, sympathy, thinking of you or cheerful "blank" cards that you don't need, please drop them in the office or give to Sally Moore. Our support for the community, specifically the Ronald McDonald House, is going well. We're thankful to all who continue to donate

pop top pull tabs; we've had full containers! Please keep them coming. During March and April, WELCA circles will join with other groups to provide some of the Wednesday night Lenten Dinners. These meals are always tasty and a fun time of fellowship prior to the Lenten service. Look for the menu line up in the bulletin.

Finally, we were disappointed to have postponed the Thankoffering Service; we will reschedule as soon as Pastor Judi is available.

SPLC's WELCA circles provide an opportunity for service and fellowship with the women of our church. Our circles meet monthly and each one is a bit different. If you're not in a circle, we'd love for you to visit one or more to "try us on". Contact Diana Bock at mstrbock@aol.com for more insight into each circle. Circle leaders are listed below; please

check in with them for meeting dates, times and locations.

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Blessings,
Karen



**Women
of the
ELCA**

**March
2025**

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

From Our Intern Pastor...

The Pacifica Synod's *Day of Theological Reflection* on February 12, 2025 was centered around Jesus calling us to break barriers as He did Himself, welcome and care for the stranger and hold onto the hope in the presence of Christ. A couple of presentations were shared about the "Native History in California" from Pr. Manuel Retamoza, "The Vision of Friendship Park" from the Executive Director of the Friends of International Friendship Park, John Fanestil and lastly about the "Pacifica Synod's Work on the Border" from Pr. Maria Santa Cruz.

This *Day of Theological Reflection* was about sharing the current reality that exists in our country today and how we are called as a church to see past superficial differences. To then see those who are currently being oppressed with eyes of faith. Bishop Dave says that we are to "remember what has been dismembered by society." The speakers encouraged those present, to be part of this vision held by leaders within the Pacifica Synod to seek justice for those who have been silenced in our community. As Pr. Sarah Sumner Eisenbraun says, "There is no healing without truth," and that truth includes honoring where we are currently standing. Recognizing that Native Tribes were the original stewards of the land we now live in. California continues to be home to 109 federally recognized Native American Tribes and 574 Native tribes in the U.S.

Furthermore, John Fanestil shared the great significance that Friendship Park in San Diego has held for many people on both sides of the border in Tijuana and San Diego. Friendship Park, however, is no longer what it used to be. About 20 years ago, Friendship park was a place that divided Tijuana and San Diego simply with barbed wire, allowing for families to still see and hold each other through the fence. People were able to shake and hold hands with those across the border. Today Friendship Park is closed off completely with no reopening date as of now. Both sides of the border have now been divided by a wall that prevents what used to create a sense of community between people. Friendship park served as a place to worship together, share communion and simply feel connected to those on each side. Friends and families used to share gifts with one another on special occasions like Christmas or birthdays, through what simply used to be barbed wire. Also, every year during Christmas, churches would gather together to have a "Posada" at Friendship Park with other churches in Tijuana. What used to be a hand shake with our neighbors on the other side, turned into a "pinky kiss" as more fencing was added to completely no form of physical contact. With Friendship Park being closed, a lot of people have lost a sense of community. For many, this was the only way they were able to feel some sort of close connection again with their friends and families whom many haven't been able to see for many years.

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Lastly, part of the vision that Pr. Maria and Bishop Dave hold for our synod is to open a resource center in San Ysidro, San Diego as a stopping point for refugees. This center would provide basic needs resources to those heading to their next destination point. It is uncertain how long the process could take to begin but the synod is hoping for more of us to hold this vision in our heart along with them. It is heartwarming to see how our synod has really taken a step forward in addressing the current difficulties that our neighbors are facing and are driven by the Holy Spirit to seek justice. To conclude, I would like to end with a powerful statement made by Pr. Maria Santa Cruz who says, "Even if we don't speak the language, let us speak the language of God which is love."

Blessings,
Perla Flores



Don't forget our
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those in extended
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IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

**STRENGTH, HEALING, COMFORT, MERCY,
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**—For the people
of every land and nation.

HEALING

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Johanna—*Friend of a member*
Lauren—*Friend of Barbara Meyer*
Janet—*Mom of Renee Christensen*
Phil - *Friend of the Nygard Family*
Noelle Nygard Wallace
Dale Smythe—*Brother of Scott Smythe*
Kanoa
Chris Jean—*Friend of Bill Meyer*
Baby Rowan and parents—*Friend of Carole Reiner*
Ayla—*Carole & Stain Reiner's granddaughter*
Carol Dahl—*Friend of Annette Nygard*
Linda
Kathy & Mick Wallace
Brian Wallace—*Brother of David Wallace*

STRENGTH AND HEALING

Tom Peters,
Pastor Mark Cansino
Kristine Kosiak
Graham Stark — *Father of Lawrence Stark*
Al Cracchiolo — *Friend of Carol Pankow*
Dawn Beckner - *Friend of Mike Day*
Jim Siegfried - *Friend of Sue Bedell*
Anne Christianson
June Bosley
Norm Johnson
Doug Strom
Brian Jordan
Greg Mitchum
Virginia Salpaka
Bobbie Godeke

COMFORT

Chris & Lindsay Heddon
Alyssa & Eric
Austin Family *on the death of their father, Chuck Austin*
Janet Kitchen *on the death of her husband Dr. Clyde Kitchen*

Memorial Services Scheduled at St. Paul

Chuck Austin—March 8th at 1 p.m. (Reception to follow in the Parish Hall immediately after the service)

Dr. Clyde Kitchen—March 15th at 11 a.m. (Reception to follow in the Parish Hall immediately after the service.)





First Communion Classes

Every Sunday during Lent
(March 9 - April 6)
11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
For all ages!

We will be studying the Small Catechism of Luther, which includes the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed, Holy Baptism and Communion.

This class is meant for those who desire to complete their First Communion, and also as a refresher for those who have already done so. Children (second grade and up) and newcomers to faith in Christ are encouraged to take this series in multiple years.



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On Instagram, search "stpaulfullertonca" and click the "follow" button.



A Stephen Ministry
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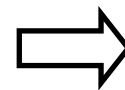
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 a.m. — In-Person Worship & Live Stream on Facebook

The. Rev. Nathaniel D. Allen
Perla Flores, Intern Pastor /
Youth and Family Coordinator
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