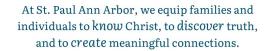




## Welcome to Worship

May 11, 2025

8:30 AM, Downtown Campus





Sunday, May 11, 2025 (8:30 AM)

# One church with two locations:

#### **Downtown Campus**

420 W. Liberty St. Ann Arbor, MI 48103

#### Worship:

Saturdays @ 6:30 PM Sundays @ 8:30 AM

<u>Discipleship Hour:</u> Sundays @ 9:45 AM

#### **Earhart Campus**

495 Earhart Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Worship: Sundays @ 10:45 AM

<u>Discipleship Hour:</u> Sundays @ 9:45 AM



#### Welcome to our guests!

We're glad you're here! We ask that you fill out your name and an email or phone number in the black folder at the end of the row so we can connect with you. One of St. Paul's core values is unity so we'd like to help you get connected. On the back page of this worship folder, you'll find groups and events that are for you. May God bless you today!

#### Discipleship Hour & Christ Connections

You're invited to gather after the service for coffee, donuts, fellowship and Bible study for adults and children! Sundays at 9:45 AM. Adults meet in Fellowship Hall (lower-level) and children ages 3 through grade 5 meet in the lower-level preschool classrooms.

#### If you have children

We welcome and encourage all children (yes, babies too!) to worship the Lord at St. Paul. If your child becomes restless during the service, don't worry! We get it. If you'd like to use it, there is a cry room available at the rear of the church and a nursery located below the main worship entrance. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available at each worship entrance. The hospitality team will be happy to assist you.

#### **About Holy Communion**

St. Paul is a confessional Lutheran congregation, sharing the beliefs and practices of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). Following the teaching of God's Word, we believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a mere symbol, but that Jesus offers us His true body and blood through the eating and drinking of the bread and wine in Communion. We recognize that the Lord's Supper is also an outward sign of our unity in the Apostles' teaching. It has been the practice since the very first years of the Christian Church, to welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who agree with the Apostolic doctrine, who have been baptized, and who are repentant for their sins. If you are a member of a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS, please do not hesitate to receive the Lord's Supper with us. However, if you are uncertain about the teaching of our church, our pastors would welcome an opportunity to speak with you about Communion.

#### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

#### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

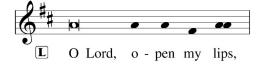
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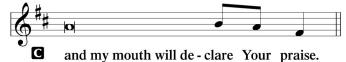
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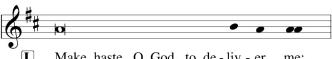
#### **RESPONSIVE VERSES**

Versicles (LSB pg. 219)





Psalm 51:15

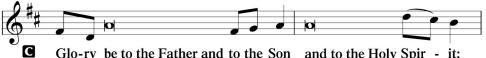


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make haste to help Lord. C me, 0

Psalm 70:1



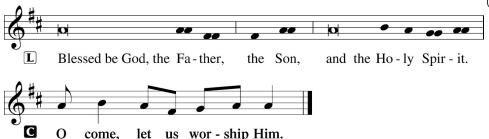
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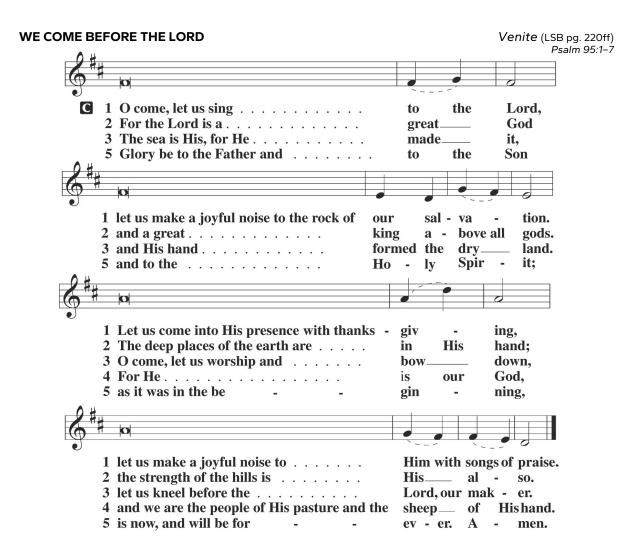


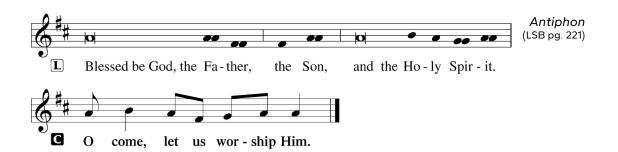
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## 4 We Hear the Word of God 4

 $^{17}$  Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.  $^{18}$ And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup> And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (ESV)

- P: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

 $^{22}$  At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,  $^{23}$  and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.  $^{24}$  So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."  $^{25}$  Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me,  $^{26}$  but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.  $^{27}$  My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.  $^{28}$  I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.  $^{29}$  My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.  $^{30}$  I and the Father are one." (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 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  $\pm$  of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN** 

"Children of the Heavenly Father"



LSB# 725

**MESSAGE** 

"I and the Father Are One" Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

John 10:22-30

...the mystery of Jesus' identity.

**RESPONSE** 

(Tune: LSB# 725)

Listen to the Shepherd calling, O'er the flock His voice is falling; Resting safely in the hollow, Never lost, they hear and follow.

Jesus Shepherd leave us never;
With the Father, One forever.
Keep us near that we would show You
Hearts that love and long to know You!

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## We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings

**During the Offering, we invite your participation in our Ritual of Friendship. Please fill in the requested information on the Friendship Pad** (which is located at the end of the pew at the center aisle) **and pass it down the pew**. Also, as the pad is returned, please take note of who is worshiping with you in order that you might greet them following the service.

(For electronic and convenient giving options, see the end of this worship folder)

VOLUNTARY

### COMMISSIONING for M.O.S.T. MINISTRIES MEDICAL MISSION TRIP to GUATEMALA

May 30-June 7

H Cindy Pine (joining medical team from Sioux Falls, South Dakota)

## The Prayers We Bring to God

1 Timothy 2:1-4
Salutation

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: God invites us to approach His heavenly throne with all our needs.
- C: We enter the throne room of God, the Ruler of All Things.
- P: We come without fear, at His invitation.
- C: But we come in humility, like the blind men who called out to Jesus: "Lord, have mercy."

# Kyrie (LSB pg. 227) Mark 10:47 Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

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.

#### PRAYER-LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

- P: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom, and grace,
- C: We give thanks and praise to God.
- P: For mothers worried, vulnerable, frustrated, and hurried,
- C: We pray for peace.
- P: For mothers with relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,
- C: We pray for healing.
- P: For mothers who are no longer with us, but whose lives are now cherished memories,
- C: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.
- P: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children—born or unborn,
- C: We weep with those who bear broken hearts.
- P: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,
- C: We pray that we may be their support, offering real help in hard times.
- P: For those who are preparing emptier nests,
- C: We celebrate with caring and compassion, that children leaving home maintain deep roots in their families and their Savior.
- P: For stepmothers, navigating the challenges and joys of creating a new family,
- C: We pray for wisdom and patience.
- P: For grandmothers who are now providing care again, helping in the hard work of raising their grandchildren,
- C: We pray that these women also have people who care for them.
- P: For those who are challenged in bearing children, and for those who are waiting for adoptions to be fulfilled.
- C: We pray with them, and offer a hand to hold.
- P: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,
- C: We give God our gratitude and praise for their commitment.

Collects of Intercession & Thanksgiving

PRAYERS for THIS DAY

(As prompted) P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

- P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

# A Foretaste of the Great Feast in Heaven

#### WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

Confession of Sins (with Acts 20:29, Revelation 7:17c, John 10:27)

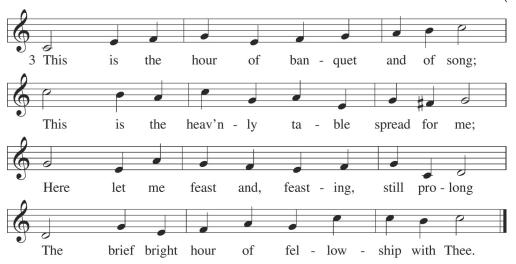
- P: St. Paul warned, "I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock."
- C: We confess that we have sought to resist false teachers through the strength of our own wisdom and willpower, rather than relying on the Good News of our Shepherd's obedient sacrifice, even to His dying on the cross. In Your love, forgive us, heavenly Father.
- P: John was promised that in heaven, "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
- C: We confess that we have allowed the sorrows of this world to overshadow the certain faith the Holy Spirit has given us—at times diminishing or even forgetting the gracious promises You have made for the sake of Christ. In Your love, forgive us, heavenly Father.
- P: Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."
- C: We confess that far too often we have been wandering sheep, listening to the lures of our fallen world. We are distracted by others, instead of paying attention to our Shepherd's voice. In Your love, forgive us, heavenly Father.

(We observe a moment of quiet reflection as we consider our own sinful condition)

- P: Jesus conveys beautiful promises to all those whom the Father has given Him as His flock, "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand." Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you for all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

#### PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

(LSB# 631)



#### CHRIST'S WORDS ESTABLISH THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

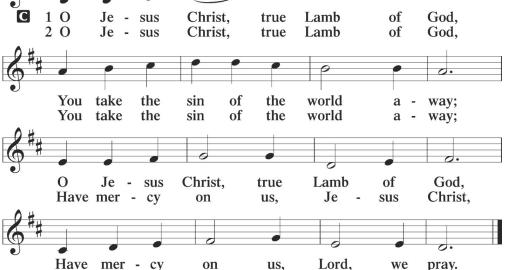
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *Take, eat; this is* \* *My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.* In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: *Drink of it, all of you; this is* \* *My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.* 

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pax Domini John 20:19

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen! The peace of Christ be with us all.





#### WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

And

grant

us

peace,

#### Communion Distribution

Please note before receiving Holy Communion: Those who have not communed at St. Paul before should read the brief statement of our beliefs found at the beginning of our worship folder before coming forward. Our pastors would be happy to meet with you to discuss our beliefs further, and help prepare you for Communion. If you have not yet had opportunity to do so, please still come forward with your hands on your heart and receive a blessing!

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Lord,

we

pray.

Hymns:

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

LSB# 641 LSB# 740

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB# 625

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Anthem: My Sheep Hear My Voice Mark Rippe

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow. And I give them life, eternal life, and I know them, and they follow.

They shall not perish. They shall never perish.

No one can snatch them out of My hand. And no one can take them from My Father's hand.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow.

-John 10:27-29

Post-Communion Canticle

(LSB pg. 211)

#### WORDS OF PEACE AND JOY

WE DEPART WITH THANKS AND PRAISE

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- P: Now may this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart with 🕂 Easter joy!
- C: Amen.

#### **C** 1 0 let Your Lord, now ser vant De 2 All glo - ry the Fa All ther, to heav'n - ly For Ι part in peace, have seen the glo - ry the Son, All glo - ry the to to 0 glo Of ry Your re deem - ing grace: For Špir it. Three - in - One: ev er tiles light lead the Gen Un A to For as in the be gin Is ning,

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TAKING IT HOME John 10:27,29,30 (ESV)

P: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ... My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all;

C: No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

#### WE BLESS THE LORD

Benedicamus (LSB pg. 228) Psalm 103:1

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### WE RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF GOD

Trinitarian Benediction (LSB pg. 228) 2 Corinthians 13:14

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

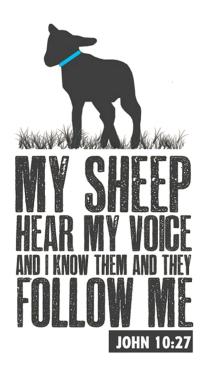
C: Amen.

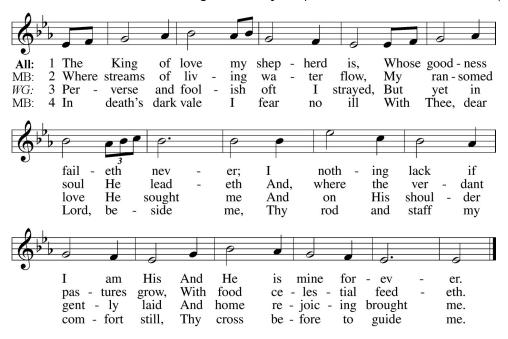
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!





WG: 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;Thine unction grace bestoweth;And, oh, what transport of delightFrom Thy pure chalice floweth!

All: 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

#### **POSTLUDE**

## **Our Worship Servants**

**Liturgist:** Rev. Aaron Roggow **Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Lay Reader: Cynthia Pulford

**Music:** Dr. John Boonenberg **Choir:** Adult Choir

Family Worship Team: Shasko family

Hospitality: Nancy Niemela

Elder: Myron Hepner

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#### St. Paul Stephen Ministry

Are you feeling overwhelmed, grieving a loss, or navigating a health crisis? SPAA is here for you. Our trained Stephen Ministers offer compassionate, confidential, and Christ-centered care, providing the support you need during challenging times. Contact Cherise Callahan at 734-395-8775 to connect with a Stephen Minister who will offer a listening ear and a caring heart.

## Our Offerings and Gifts

Looking for different options to financially support the ministry of St. Paul through your regular offerings or one-time gifts?

Just text "GIVE" to **734-436-3634** 

(This will also allow you to set up a recurring gift if you choose.)

Online: https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/stpaulaa



Mail checks to: St. Paul Lutheran Church

420 W Liberty St Ann Arbor, MI 48103



For more giving information, go to: https://www.stpaulannarbor.org/give/

2024-2025 SPAA Attendance and Offering					
Month	Attendance		Offering		Budget
July	283	\$	95,548.24	\$	114,743.64
August	302	\$	87,622.56	<b>\$</b> \$	114,743.64
September	344	\$	98,203.04	\$	114,743.64
October	376	\$	140,242.74	\$	114,743.64
November	386	\$	106,793.58	<b>\$</b>	114,743.64
December	307	\$	157,774.35	\$	114,743.64
January	350	\$	112,971.74	\$	114,743.64
February	308	\$	88,496.19	\$	114,743.64
March	380	\$	118,738.79	\$	114,743.64
April					
May					
June					
YTD	337	\$ 1,006,391.23		\$ 1,032,692.76	



### **News & Upcoming Events**

For more info on upcoming events visit our webpage at: www.stpaulannarbor.org/news-and-events



#### 1st Annual Trivia Night to support our St. Paul Youth! Grab your friends and sign up today!

Join us for the first annual St. Paul Youth Group Chili Cookoff and Trivia Night on Friday, May 9, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM in the SPAA school gym! Enjoy ten mouthwatering homemade chilis from SPAA families, showcase your trivia skills, and win prizes! Tickets are \$20 each and cover chili, chips, a drink, dessert, and two voting tickets for the chili contest. Additional voting tickets can be bought for \$20 for 10 tickets, and extra drinks are \$1 each. Remember, payment is CASH ONLY at the event! Child care for kids ages 2-8 will be available during trivia (7 - 9 PM) for a free will donation, provided by our youth group members. **Scan the QR code to sign up** and don't miss out on the fun!



#### Unity Sunday & Picnic Celebration! - May 18th at 10:15am

Join us in a special Unity Service at our school campus on Sunday, May 18th as we celebrate 60 years of St. Paul School of Ann Arbor! Worship will begin at 10:15am and a picnic will follow! Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs and a side to share (last names A-M bring a side dish and N-Z bring a dessert)! St. Paul will provide the sandwiches, and beverages! Limited indoor seating will also be available for those with less mobility. All SPS alumni/ former students & their families are invited to join the anniversary celebration as well! Please note, we will have only one worship service this weekend. No worship Downtown on Saturday May 17 or Sunday May 18th. No Discipleship Hour on May 18th. Volunteers are needed – please scan the QR code and sign up if you can help!



#### Congregation Voters' Meeting is May 20th @ 7pm!

Mark your calendars, there will be a congregation voters' meeting on Tuesday, May  $20^{th}$  at 7pm in the gym at our school campus (495 Earhart Rd). Please plan to attend. Board of Directors & Elder elections will be held. Scan the QR code for a copy of the January meeting minutes and a "Meet the Candidates" packet to review prior to the meeting! Hard copies are also available at worship entrances in early May.



#### Vacation Bible School – Registration is Open & Trees are Needed!

St. Paul Lutheran Church in partnership with University Lutheran Chapel, and New Life Church are excited to guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is our True North! VBS is open to children who have turned 4 by June 1 through children who have completed 4th grade. Registration is now open and closes June 5! **Scan the QR code to register or to volunteer!** Do you have an artificial Christmas Tree? We need them to decorate our space! Contact Lexie Brown (Ibrown@stpaulannarbor.org) if you have a tree.



