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### Welcome to Worship

May 18, 2025 **10:15 AM, Earhart Campus** 



### St. Paul Lutheran Church ज Ann Arbor

At St. Paul Ann Arbor, we equip families and individuals to know Christ, to discover truth, and to create meaningful connections.

### Sunday, May 18, 2025 (10:15 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!

### 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 are in agreement 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 not in agreement with the teaching of our church, or if you are uncertain, our pastors would welcome an opportunity to speak with you about Communion.

### 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. Moms and dads often rock little ones in the open area behind the worship space or calm a baby in the entrance hallway.

During the sermon, children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome to hear a message tailored for them in the Fine Arts room, called Kids' Word. You'll find more information about this inside the worship folder just before the sermon. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available at the entrance to our worship space. The hospitality team is happy to assist you.



### One church with two locations:

### Downtown Campus

420 W. Liberty St. Ann Arbor, MI 48103

<u>Worship</u>: Saturdays @ 6:30 PM Sundays @ 8:30 AM

Discipleship Hour: (Resumes in September)

### Earhart Campus

495 Earhart Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48105

<u>Worship</u>: Sundays @ 10:15 AM

Discipleship Hour: (Resumes in September)



### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

### EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



### WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF GOD

Invocation Matthew 28:19b

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen!

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

Confession of Sins 1 John 1:8–9

- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

### GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

Absolution John 20:19–23

- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, 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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Collect

- P: Lord Jesus, Alpha and Omega, in Your suffering and death You were making all things new, and from that tree You brought Your work of redemption to an end by declaring, "It is finished." Be our dwelling place, that our sadness, pain, and weeping here may be the former things that have passed away, and death will be no more. Bring us then to the spring of the water of life where we may freely drink and be Your people; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

## We Hear the Word of God

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<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.<sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son." (ESV)

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

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> [Jesus said,] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you." (ESV)

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ.

### MILESTONE MINISTRY WORSHIP BLESSING

Learning to Drive

### **Milestone Ministry Steps**

August – Backpack Blessing September – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation October – Preschoolers Learning to Pray November – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Technology January – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Money Management February – Infant Faith Chest March – First Communion May – Learning to Drive

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.



Kid's Word is for children ages 3 years–2nd grade. At the Sermon Hymn, children are dismissed with adult leaders and accompanied to the Fine Arts Room for an age-appropriate Bible message presented by Mrs. TK. Following the Sermon, the children are returned to their parents. Parents and other adults are always welcome to join us for Kid's Word!



#### MESSAGE

Rev. Aaron Roggow

#### RESPONSE

(Tune: LSB# 540)

Christ, the Lord of earth and heaven, God with man, and dwelling place; Christ, our joy to stay all sadness, Pain and death He shall erase. "Trust these words that you are hearing, Keep them close for they are true: Thirsting, come for living water, I am making all things new!"

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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 your chair row at the center aisle) and pass it down to each person. 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)

OFFERING ANTHEM

**River in Judea** 

Jack Feldman arr. John Leavitt

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one every body knows. Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and good will, the will to go on...go on.

There is a river in Judea, that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.

I believe it keeps on travelin' but it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray. When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings, For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings.

May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore. 'Til the dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more.

> —Linda Marcus reflecting on Revelation 22:1–2

### STAFF YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION

- + Sam Conway (15 years)
- H Miriam Rossow (15 years)
- + John Boonenberg (20 years)
- + Corrina Orlando (20 years)



P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

PRAYERS for THIS DAY

(As prompted) *P*: Lord, in Your mercy, *C*: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

 C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# A Foretaste of the Great Feast in Heaven

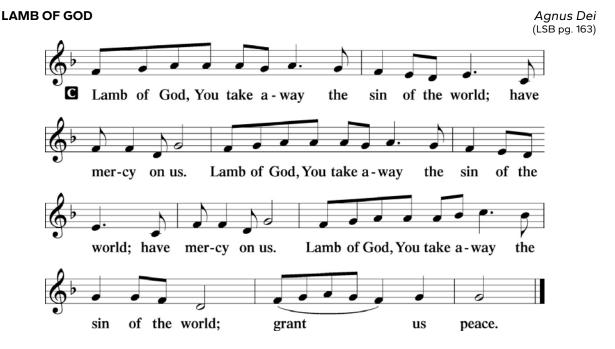
### CHRIST'S WORDS ESTABLISH THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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



Pax Domini John 20:19

### WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Communion Distribution

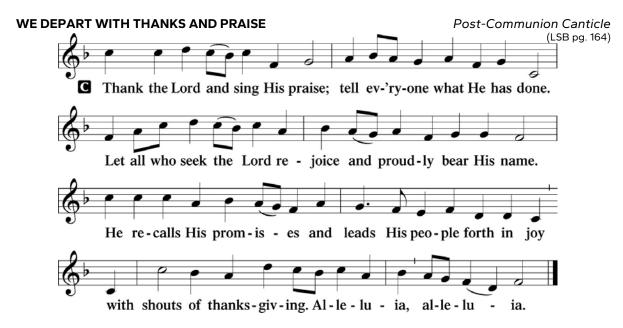
Please note before receiving Holy Communion: Those who have not communed with us before should read the brief statement of our beliefs found at the beginning of our worship folder before coming forward. Our pastors would be happy to meet with you to discuss our beliefs further, and help prepare you for 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!

Hymns:	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal"	(See page 14) (See page 15) (See page 16)
Anthem:	And I Saw a New Heaven And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down fr Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, "Behold, the t And He will dwell with them and they shall be His people, And God Himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there s Neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pai For the former things are passed away.	rom God out of heaven, rabernacle of God is with men, hall be no more death,

### WORDS OF PEACE AND JOY

Communicants' Dismissal

- 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.



### TAKING IT HOME

- P: "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God...
- C: 'Behold, I am making all things new. It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'"

### WE RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF GOD

- C: Amen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!





Benediction Numbers 6:24–26





### **Our Worship Servants**

Liturgist:	Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
Preacher:	Rev. Aaron Roggow
Director of Music:	Dr. John Boonenberg
Choirs:	Adult Choir
	St. Paul School Varsity Choir
School Choir Director:	Dr. Brian Altevogt
Family Worship Team:	Roggow & Hopkins families
Hospitality Team:	Tom & Carol Nelson, Shannon Seehafer
Elder:	Ron Kruger

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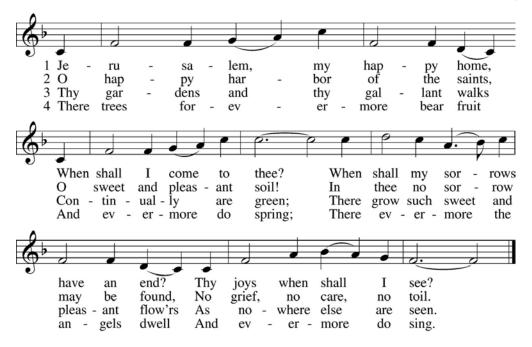


### St. Paul Stephen Ministry

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. "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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vine, 1 Love di all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov ing Spir - it In to cre - a -4 Fin ish then Thy new tion, Pure and come down! Thy heav'n, to earth Fix in us 'ry trou bled breast; Let all ev us in let Let Thy spot less us be; us see Thy faith - ful dwell - ing, hum - ble All mer - cies crown. in - her - it; Thee Let us find Thy prom - ised rest. sal - va - tion Per fect - ly great re stored in Thee, Je Thou all Pure, art com - pas - sion, sus. un -Take way the Al a love of sin ning; pha -Changed from glo in glo Till in ry to ry, Thou Vis with bound ed love it art; us and 0 me ga be; End of faith, as heav'n take place, Till we our we cast our Thy sal - va - tion, En ev - 'ry trem - bling heart. ter be - gin - ning, Set its our hearts at lib - er - ty. crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!



- Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand;
   And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.



1 Je - sus has and brings plea - sure come e ter - nal. 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a sun - der! might - y 3 Je - sus has come the Re - deem - er. as 4 Je - sus King of has come the all glo - ry! as Al - pha, 0 -Be - gin - ning and End: me - ga, Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis ap - pear. See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed! Heav-en and earth, 0 de - clare His great pow'r, God - head, hu man - i - ty, u - nion su per - nal. See Him burst through voice as thun - der! with a of Je - sus breaks down walls of death's for - tress, all the Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en ly sto - ry; 0 great Re - deem - er, You come friend! as our He sets us free from our guilt and our fear, Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed. Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour! 7 Heav-en and earth. now pro - claim won - der: this great Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or. wick ed one, own Sa - tan, you your mas - ter! now Pon - der His for you! love! Take the crown He has brings plea - sure Je - sus has come and ter - nal! e -Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!

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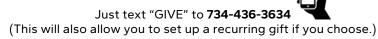
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### **Our Offerings and Gifts**

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



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	\$	114,743.64		
September	344	\$	98,203.04	\$	114,743.64		
October	376	\$	140,242.74	\$	114,743.64		
November	386	\$	106,793.58	\$	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	464	\$	95,801.34	\$	114,743.64		
May							
June							
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YTD	389	\$	1,102,192.57	\$	1,147,436.40		

Annual Budget

\$1,376,923.63



### **News & Upcoming Events**

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



### Spring UNITY Newsletter is now available!

Hard copies are available at worship entrances, or you can scan the QR code to view a digital copy!

### MomCo Foster Care Closet- May pajama collection

Many members of St. Paul are involved in Ann Arbor MomCo (formerly MOPS) and St. Paul is invited to join them in supporting the Michigan Foster Care Closet this May! The MomCo group is organizing a PJ drive in May since pajamas are always in high demand! They are collecting pajamas for both boys and girls, sizes preemie through size 18. Clothes can be new or used in good condition. PJ donations can be dropped off in the marked bins outside the church office and at the welcome center in the gym at the school during worship times. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelsey Neuendorf (MomCo Service Coordinator), at 734-660-8253.

### Congregation Voters' Meeting is May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm!

Mark your calendars, there will be a congregation voters' meeting on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### St. Paul Board of Directors is Seeking a Treasurer

St. Paul Ann Arbor Board of Directors is looking for a new Treasurer to serve our congregation. Dana Bell has been serving as St. Paul Treasurer for four years and she has been wonderful! Her term will end June 30th. Dana, thank you so much for all you have done the past 4 years! The Treasurer is appointed by the Board of Directors to a 1-year term and we're looking for volunteers. Anyone interested should please contact Tim Adler, Board of Directors at: tadler@stpaulannarbor.org.



### Vacation Bible School – Registration is Open & Volunteers still 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.