



St. Paul
Ann Arbor

Sowing **truth.** Building **faith.** Shining **love.**



Welcome to Worship

June 8, 2025

8:30 AM, Downtown Campus



St. Paul Lutheran
Church of Ann Arbor

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

Sunday, June 8, 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

Discipleship Hour:
(Resumes in September)

Earhart Campus
495 Earhart Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Worship:
Sundays @ 10:15 AM

Discipleship Hour:
(Resumes in September)



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!

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.

RINGING OF THE BELL / WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

"Hail Thee, Festival Day"



(LSB# 489)

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;

Day when the Ho - ly Ghost Shone in the world with His grace. *1st time only*

1 Bright and in like - ness of fire, On those who a -
5 Spir - it of life and of pow'r, Now flow in us,

wait His ap - pear - ing, He whom the
fount of our be - ing, Light that en -

Lord had fore - told Sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends: *to Refrain*
light - ens us all, Life that in all may a - bide: *to Refrain*

2 Hark! For in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, His
6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and

cho - sen a - pos - tles, Preached to the ends of the
Au - thor of con - cord, Pour out Your balm on our

earth days; Christ and His won - der - ful works: *to Refrain*
Or - der our ways in Your peace: *to Refrain*

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!**

The Pentecost Account

Acts 2:1–21

P: ¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

WG: ² ***And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.***

P: ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

MB: ⁴ ***And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

WG: ⁵ ***Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.*** ⁶ ***And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.***

P: ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

MB: ¹³ ***But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”*** ¹⁴ ***But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:***

P: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

WG: ¹⁷ ***‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,***

MB: ***Your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;***

P: ¹⁸ Even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'" (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(LSB# 913)

I O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Collect

P: O Holy Spirit, who on the great day of Pentecost descended on the apostles and set their hearts on fire with Your blessings; we ask that you would enter our hearts through the very Word of Christ. Enable us to testify to the living hope You have planted, and give us courage and boldness to speak the Word with power, that people everywhere may know Christ and Him crucified.

C: **Amen.**

We Hear the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT.....✠ Genesis 11:1-9

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PREPARING FOR THE GOSPEL

(LSB# 795)

4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!

HOLY GOSPEL..... ✠ John 14:23–31

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot)], “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. ²⁵ These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
(from Luther's Small Catechism)

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

**MILESTONE MINISTRY
WORSHIP BLESSING**


Graduation

Milestone Ministry Steps

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

HYMN

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

 **LSB# 500**

MESSAGE

“The Spirit of Unity”
Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Acts 2:1–21

RESPONSE

(Tune: LSB# 500)

**O Holy Spirit, come this day
And guide us in the Faith, we pray.
Reprove our sin of selfish pride;
Restore as one what we divide.
Bring all together as one voice
To praise our Savior and rejoice!**

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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

The Prayers We Bring to God

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



WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

Confession of Sins
(with John 16:8)

- P: *"When the Spirit comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."* With true hearts, let us confess together that we, through sinful thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds, have transgressed God's righteous Law and deserve His punishment now and eternally.
- C: **Forgive us, Father, for the times we have sinned against You, by the things that we have done and the words we have spoken. Many times we fail to live as Your children, and speak the truths of Your Word. Even our very thoughts are in conflict with Your ways. Out of selfish pride we desire to live in ways contrary to Your will. Forgive us in the name of Jesus, Your beloved Son.**

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

GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

Absolution
(with Acts 2:38)

- P: *"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the Holy Spirit."* This promise is for you, for all whom the Lord will call. And God's promise is that He forgives our sin and remembers it no more for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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.**

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.*

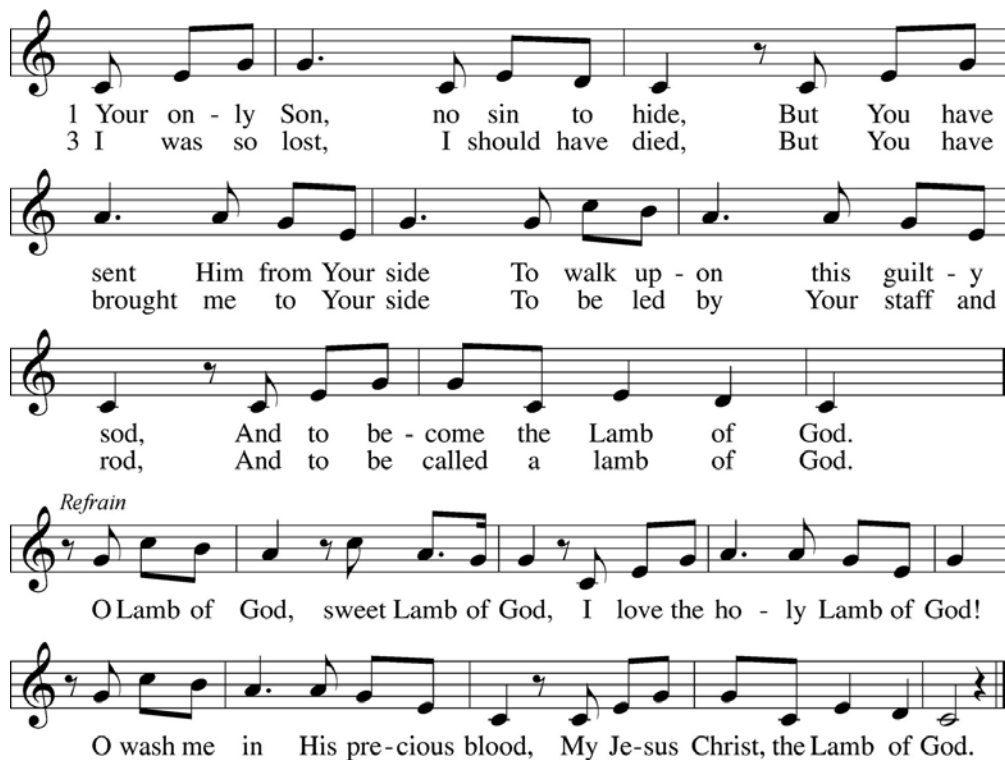
THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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.**

LAMB OF GOD

(LSB# 550)



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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!*



Hymns: "Come Down, O Love Divine"
"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"
"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

LSB# 501
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Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

*Come Holy Ghost, the Maker, come; take in the souls of Thine Thy place;
Thou whom our hearts had being from, oh, fill them with Thy heav'nly grace.
Thou art that comfort from above, the highest doth by gift impart;
Thou spring of life. a fire of love, and the anointing Spirit art.*

—George Wither (1588–1667)

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 in ☩ peace!
- C: **Amen.**

WE DEPART WITH THANKS AND PRAISE

Post-Communion Canticle
(LSB# 650)

3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, flowing line with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

TAKING IT HOME

Acts 2:2,4 (ESV)

- P: "Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- C: **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."**

WE RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF GOD

Benediction
Numbers 6:24-26

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with His favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

"O Day Full of Grace"

(LSB# 503)

(Short interlude between stanzas)



All: 1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on
Women: 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the
All: 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the
Men: 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new



earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be
earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,
cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone
life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.

All: 5 When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels His name adoring.

POSTLUDE

Complentur Dies Pentacostes

G. Palestrina
arr. Bill Wilson



Our Worship Servants

Liturgist/Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
Lay Reader: Adam Cieply
Music: Dr. John Boonenberg
Choir: Adult Choir
Instrumentalists: St. Paul Brass & Percussion Ensemble
Family Worship Team: Tim & Barbara Adler
Hospitality: Julie Novak
Elder: Brent O'Banion

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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
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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			
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

Ann Arbor Boy Choir Spring Concert – Sunday, June 8

You are invited to join the Ann Arbor Boy Choir (including several St. Paul students) for their Spring Concert on Sunday, June 8th at 5pm at Concordia Chapel of Holy Trinity.



Vacation Bible School – Snack Donations Still Needed!

Volunteers are gearing up for an epic Alaskan VBS adventure the week of June 16th! A few snack donations are still needed - please scan the QR code and sign up if you can help!

High School Youth Group this Summer...

Hey high school students and parents! We're kicking off our summer youth group schedule this Wednesday, the 11th! We'll meet **Wednesday nights from 6–8 PM** all summer at the Youth House (500 W Liberty, across from the church downtown). All graduated 8th graders are welcome too! Note: On Wednesday, June 18th, we'll meet at our school (495 Earhart Rd) for a multi-church Ultimate Frisbee night! Hope to see you there! Any questions contact Tyler Seehafer at tseehafer@stpaulannarbor.org.

Men's Ministry Golf is in full swing – join us!

This group meets weekly (Wednesdays or Thursdays) for golf & fellowship together. You are invited to join as often as you can! Information and weekly course locations sent out weekly via email. Contact Ron Allen at Ronald.allen@cuaa.edu to be added to the email list.

Don't forget to join us for Fellowship Sundays this summer!

Catch up with your SPAA family on the first Sunday of each month (June 1, July 6 and August 3) immediately following worship at both campuses. Stay after church and enjoy lawn games and an extended coffee hour with fellowship time!



NEW – Faith Resources

The St. Paul Discipleship Team would like to share some faith resources our church recommends to enhance Bible reading, devotions and prayer life. There are also some podcasts, music recommendations, resources for families and (coming soon) a book list! Scan the QR code to check out our new Faith Resources page on our website!