



# Welcome to Worship

June 22, 2025

8:30 AM, Downtown Campus



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

Sunday, June 22, 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> (Resumes in September)

### **Earhart Campus**

495 Earhart Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Worship: Sundays @ 10:15 AM

<u>Discipleship Hour:</u> (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!

# The flowers in the chancel

The flowers in the chancel have been placed to the glory of God by Tim & Barbara Adler in loving memory of Tim's parents, Carl & Joyce Adler.

# 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

**HYMN** 

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" Stanzas 1, 2, 5



#### 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.

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

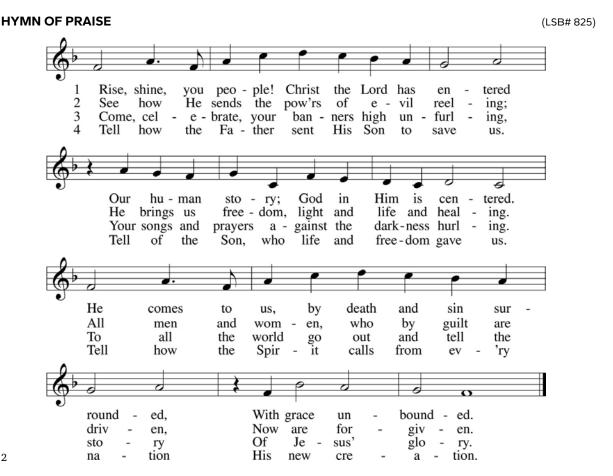
#### WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

Confession of Sins

- Today we give thanks to our heavenly Father, who has called us His sons and daughters by name, adopted and welcomed us into His family through Baptism—where we receive lasting blessings that cannot be found in any other place.
  - St. Paul writes: "as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." These words begin to reveal how our inner conversion of faith results in a whole new way of life. Yet, we are still a rebellious, unfaithful people who walk in a way that follows our own devices and desires.
- C: Heavenly Father, on our own, we have no right to be called Your heirs, nor receive Your blessings.
- P: We have hidden away our sin and turned from the grace and forgiveness that awaits us.
- C: Our guilt, shame, and fear overtake us, and we leave behind Your blessings of restoration and new life.
- P: We have ignored Your Law, and live as though we have forgotten who You have called us to be.
- C: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, 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)

- P: "You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
- C: You have clothed me with gladness,
- P: that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent—
- O Lord, I will give thanks to You forever!" C:
- P: In Holy Baptism, Jesus places His own garment of righteousness on us, and restores us into the family of God that we would proclaim His salvation to all who will hear. And as children and heirs, we are favored, forgiven, and free, that we may live in His grace and respond in our lives to His glory and honor! Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus 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!
- P: The Spirit testifies that you are God's children.
- C: We are heirs of God and coheirs with Christ that we may share in His glory. Thanks be to God!



PRAYER OF THE DAY Collect

P: Almighty God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

# We Hear the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT ..... 

+ Isaiah 65:1–9

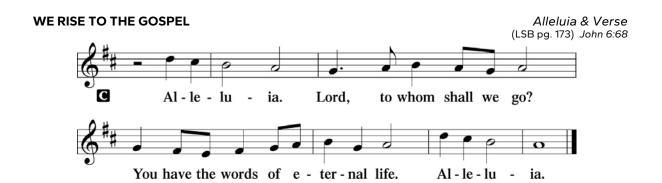
<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. <sup>2</sup> I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; 4 who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup> Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap <sup>7</sup> both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds." 8 Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup> I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there." (ESV)

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

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. <sup>4:1</sup> I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and the disciples] sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup> For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. 34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN** 

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



LSB# 849

MESSAGE "One Greater"
Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Luke 8:26-39

RESPONSE (Tune: LSB# 849)

All that tempts our mind and actions,
Holds us captive ev'ry day,
Feeds our selfish gains and happiness,
Pushing all that's true away.
Jesus liberates and free us,
Teaching goodness all around,
Pointing to His purpose for us,
Strong to stand on solid ground!

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#### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

whose kingdom will have no end.

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,

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 🕂 of the world to come. Amen.

# 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

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

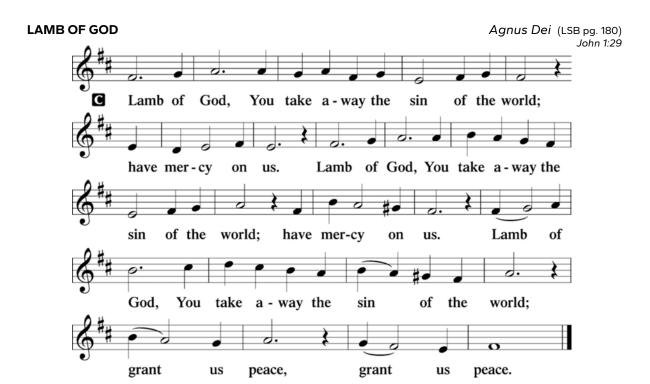
Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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

#### 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!

Hvmns:

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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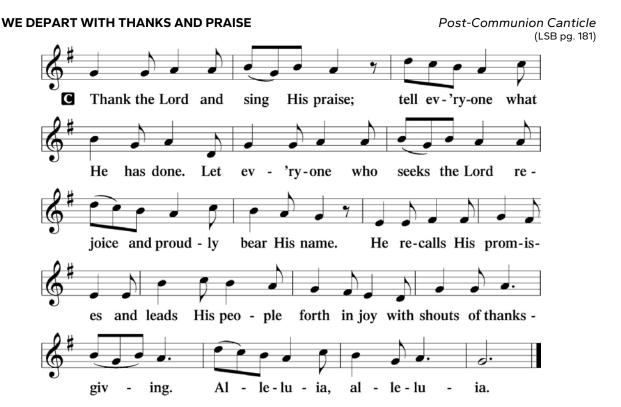
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#### WORDS OF PEACE AND JOY

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 +1 peace!

C: Amen.



TAKING IT HOME Luke 8:39 (ESV)

P: [Jesus told the man,] "'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.'

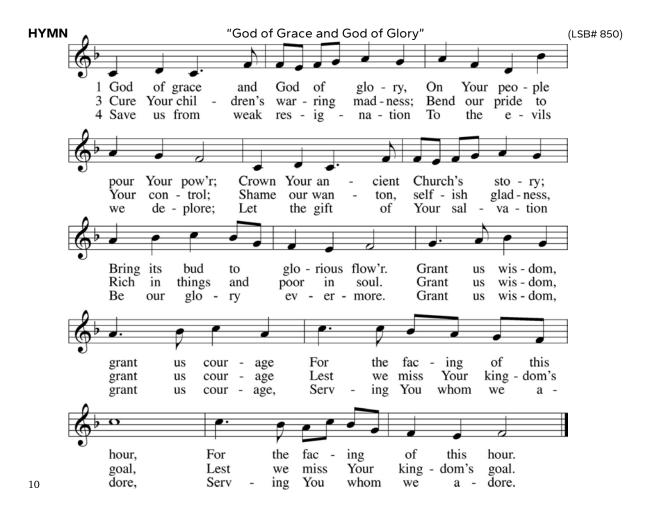
C: So he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him."

#### 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 orall give you peace.
- C: Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **POSTLUDE**



# **Our Worship Servants**

Liturgist/Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Lay Reader: Matt Zaske

**Director of Music:** Dr. John Boonenberg **Family Worship Team:** Fred & Laurie Metzger

Hospitality: Nancy Niemela Elder: Michael Woon

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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	\$	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	289	\$	112,259.21	\$	114,743.64
June					
YTD	344	\$	1,214,451.78	\$	1,262,180.04



# **News & Upcoming Events**

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



### Volunteers for Michigan District Convention Needed!

Michigan District is looking for volunteers to serve at the 2025 Convention, June 22-24th! Scan the QR code to sign up for awesome positions like Popcorn Machine Superhero and Hospitality Champions, some jobs are only 1-hour commitments! Join other congregation members from across Michigan in serving those attending Michigan District Convention at Concordia University Ann Arbor, your help will make it a success!

### High School Youth Group this Summer...

Hey high school students and parents! Our summer youth group schedule has begun! We meet **Wednesday nights from 6–8 PM** all summer long at the Youth House (500 W Liberty, across from the church downtown). All graduated 8th graders are welcome too! <u>Note</u>: 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 immediately following worship at both campuses. Mark your calendars – the next Summer Fellowship Sundays are **July 6 and August 3**! Stay after church and enjoy lawn games and an extended coffee hour with time to greet one another!

#### Follow us -

Hey SPAA, want to listen to that really impactful sermon message again? Can't remember what our summer worship schedule is or which dates are Fellowship Sundays? Want to see ALL the awesome happenings during VBS week and more? Follow us on social media!

www.facebook.com/stpaulannarbor.org www.instagram.com/church.stpaulannarbor www.youtube.com/@stpaulannarbor