



St. Paul
Ann Arbor

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



BUT THE SON OF MAN HAS
NOWHERE TO LAY HIS HEAD.

LUKE 9:58

Welcome to Worship

June 29, 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 29, 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.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"



LSB# 966

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

P: Discipleship is a matter of growth. In our Gospel reading, three men approached Jesus—all willing to follow Him, but each had a personal concern that interfered with their decision. Too hasty, too slow, and finally, half-hearted. How challenging it is to give one's whole heart to Jesus! We would say, '*Lord, I will follow You!*' But we reserve a corner of our heart for other things, for private feelings and desires, for earthly considerations, for what we hold as duty toward family and friends, for pleasures and associations that keep us from following Christ altogether.

We don't know the end result of Jesus' answer to these men. In their place, would we remain with our comforts and follow our own desires, or leave behind the safety of what we know, and follow Christ? Let us consider this as we confess our sins to God.

C: **Almighty Father, You have called us to follow Your only-begotten Son, to learn from Him, and to tell others all that He has done. But we have been controlled by the responsibilities we hold dear, and led in different directions by the temptations of daily life in this world. In our living, we have sinned against You and each other. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us. Restore our thinking, speaking, and doing to faithfully follow Him through all the confusion of this world. And in that Day, bring us to the gift of everlasting life in Your presence. Amen.**

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

GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

Absolution

P: Discipleship is not easy. Jesus says, *"Follow Me,"* ...however, He also reminds us that *"the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."* For our sake, Jesus' life was marked by suffering and sacrifice. Why should followers of Jesus expect a life of discipleship to be an easy road?

Yet, whatever challenges we face for the sake of the Gospel, we follow Him as forgiven people with a call to ministry in His name. Following Him to the cross, we will find grace to sustain us, strength to do His will, and joy in sharing His message of life to all who hunger for it. 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!**

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

(Tune: LSB# 345)



1. All for Christ I have for - sak - en And have tak - en
2. Who is sweet - er than Christ Je - sus? No good thing in
3. Gone the past, un - known the fu - ture Grace sup - plies my
4. Though the road a - head be thorn - y, Though dark clouds all



up my cross; World - ly joy, its fame and for - tune,
Him I lack! Hand to plow, at peace I fol - low
dai - ly breath; Strong in Christ through death's dark val - ley,
light ob - scure, Though my cross - shaped path grows steep - er,



Now I count as worth - less dross.
Where He leads me... why look back?
Firm and faith - ful un - to death.
With the Lord, I am se - cure!

- P: Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, and nourish us with all goodness that we would strive to follow in Your ways, love and serve our neighbor, and proclaim the kingdom of God to all those we encounter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**



We Hear the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT ✠ 1 Kings 19:9b–21

⁹ Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and [the LORD] said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹¹ And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” ¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him. (ESV)

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

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ... ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

WE RISE TO THE GOSPEL

(LSB# 540)



5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa-ther's
home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,
Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor
to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us
to Your heav'n-ly man - sions, There to share Your wed-ding feast.

HOLY GOSPEL..... ✠ Luke 9:51–62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” (ESV)

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

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.

HYMN

“My Song Is Love Unknown”
Stanzas 1, 2, 6, 7



LSB# 430

MESSAGE

“The Son of Man Has No Place to Lay His Head”
Rev. Dr. Charles Schulz

Luke 9:51–62

No place to call His own,
 My Savior journeyed on
 To seek the lost alone,
 The ones to sin had gone.
 And now His place, no more to roam—
 My heart, His home, to share God's grace!

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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



(LSB# 775)



P: Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, we praise and adore You for the gift of faith that You give and cultivate among Your people, connecting us to the redeeming work of Jesus. Receive our thanks and strengthen our hearts yet again as we partake of this Holy Meal, secure in faith and forgiveness, and emboldened to display the hallmarks of having been made righteous through the victorious sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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

Agnus Dei (LSB# 962)
John 1:29

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a -
way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world; grant us Your
peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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: "What Is This Bread"
"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"
"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB# 629
LSB# 853
LSB# 685

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# 632)

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

TAKING IT HOME

Luke 9:57,58,60 (ESV)

P: "As they were going along the road, someone said to [Jesus],

C: **'I will follow you wherever you go.'**

P: And Jesus replied, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. ...

C: **As for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'**"

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

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

(LSB# 697)



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And

Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
 died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
 con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go

length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
 hearts for - give, As God in Christ for - gave.
 forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

POSTLUDE



Our Worship Servants

Guest Liturgist/Preacher: Rev. Dr. Charles Schulz

Lay Reader: Cynthia Pulford

Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg

Family Worship Team: Jim & Sheila Gilbertson

Hospitality: Cindy Pine

Elder: Brent O'Banion

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(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

Annual Budget

\$1,376,923.63



News & Upcoming Events

For more info visit our webpage at: www.stpaulannarbor.org



Summer Women's Bible Study: Psalms with Stories

This eight-week study will connect familiar Bible characters to the Psalm(s) they quoted and/or composed while walking with God through life's events. Embedded into each lesson are Visual Faith activities and practices to support a deeper dig into Scripture. We will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm, July 9 - August 27 at the Youth House (500 W Liberty St). To RSVP or ask any questions, contact Lexie Brown at lbrown@stpaulannarbor.org. Study book can be purchased by scanning the QR code.

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!



Now you can listen to sermons on Spotify!

You can now listen to our weekly messages on Spotify! Spotify is free (with advertising) – or paid subscriptions offer ad-free listening, and you can find our messages by going to www.spotify.com and searching St. Paul Ann Arbor or scan the QR code here. Click follow to keep us in your podcast library and click on the notification bell if you want to be notified of new sermon postings.

Summer High School Youth Group

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! Hope to see you there! Any questions contact Tyler Seehafer at tseehafer@stpaulannarbor.org.

No Kids Word in July

Due to summer vacation schedules, there will be no Kids Word from June 29 - July 27. Kids Word will resume (at the 10:15am service) on August 3.