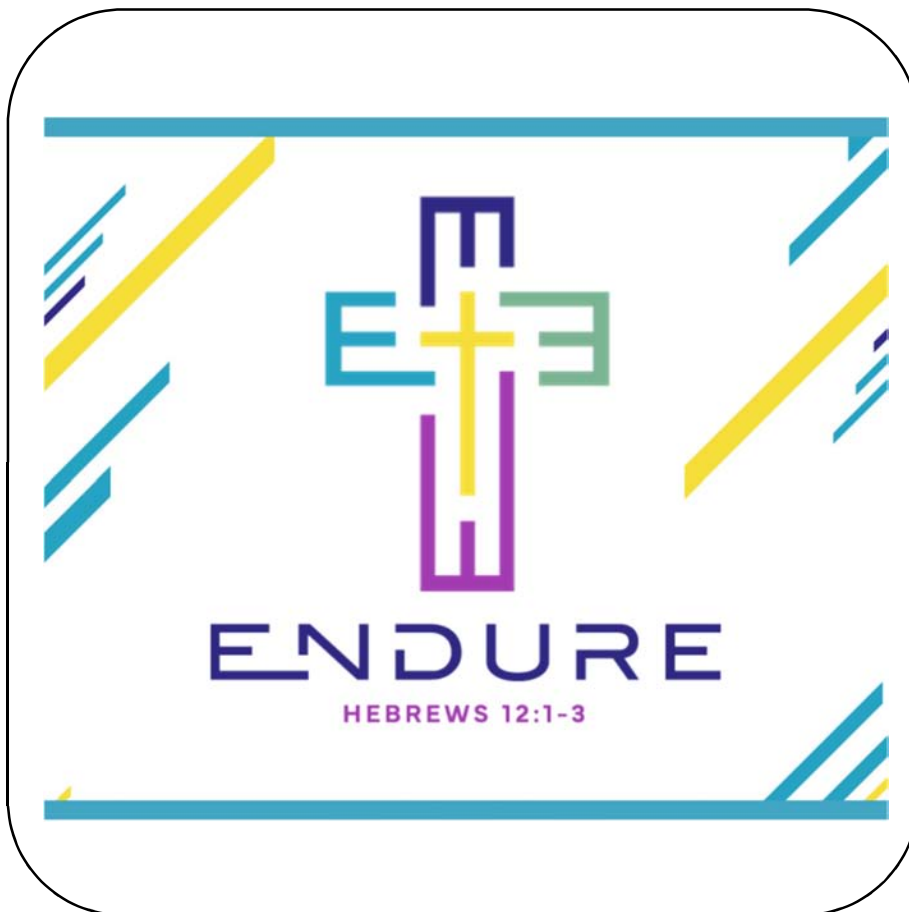




St. Paul  
Ann Arbor

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



# Welcome to Worship

July 13, 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, July 13, 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

"We Sing for All the Unsung Saints"



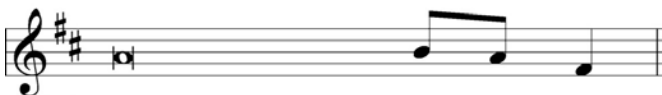
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### RESPONSIVE VERSES

*Versicles*  
(LSB pg. 219)



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

*Psalms 51:15*



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

*Psalms 70:1*



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*Invitatory Antiphon*  
(LSB pg. 220)



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



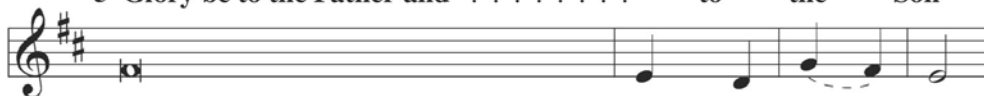
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

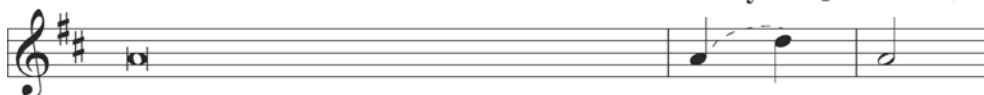
*Venite* (LSB pg. 220ff)  
*Psalms 95:1-7*



**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Antiphon  
(LSB pg. 221)

**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

## We Hear the Word of God

**OLD TESTAMENT** ..... ✠ Leviticus 19:9–18

<sup>9</sup> “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. <sup>10</sup> And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup> You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup> You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. <sup>15</sup> You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup> You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. <sup>17</sup> You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.” (ESV)

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** ..... ✠ Hebrews 12:1–2

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (ESV)

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... ✠ Luke 10:25–37

<sup>25</sup> Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup> And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.” (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

"Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses"



LSB# 667

## MESSAGE

"Enduring with the Saints"

*Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins*

Hebrews 12:1-2

## RESPONSE

(Tune: LSB# 667)

**Look, then to Jesus who has won the glory,  
From cross to grave, and rising is His story!  
So, we endure as faithful ones before us.  
Praise be our chorus!**

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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

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

(\* = new)

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# 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."**

## 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.**



P: Merciful Father, You have given Your only Son, Jesus Christ—who endured the cross for us, as a sacrifice for our sin. So also give us Your Spirit to receive gratefully the salvation of Jesus, that we may receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work, and run with perseverance the race marked out for us; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYERS for THIS DAY

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

C: **hear our prayer.**

*Collect for Grace*

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*  
*Psalm 124:8, 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you for all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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

*Agnus Dei* (LSB pg. 210)  
*John 1:29*

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## 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:** "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"  
"Entrust Your Days and Burdens"  
"Thine Forever, God of Love"

LSB# 618

LSB# 754

LSB# 387

## 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 Cantic

(LSB pg. 211)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## TAKING IT HOME

Hebrews 12:1–2 (ESV)

- P: “Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
C: **let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,**  
P: let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,  
C: **looking to Jesus— the founder and perfecter of our faith,**  
P: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
C: **and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

## WE BLESS THE LORD

*Benedicamus* (LSB pg. 228)  
*Psalms 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

### HYMN

“Fight the Good Fight”

LSB# 664

## POSTLUDE



## Our Worship Servants

- Liturgist/Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins  
**Lay Reader:** Adam Cieply  
**Director of Music:** Dr. John Boonenberg  
**Family Worship Team:** Tim & Barbara Adler  
**Hospitality:** Nancy Niemela  
**Elder:** Zac Lahrman

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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

Annual Budget

\$1,376,923.63



## News & Upcoming Events

For more news & events visit our webpage at: [www.stpaulannarbor.org](http://www.stpaulannarbor.org)



### **Art Fair Parking Volunteers Needed– Joint Fundraiser with Emmaus JULY 17-19 // 500 W. LIBERTY [Youth House Parking Lot]**

St. Paul and Emmaus are coming together to raise funds for the local Delonis Center! During the Ann Arbor Art Fair we'll be providing a parking option in the youth house parking lot and selling bottled water and snacks, all at an affordable price. Thanks to a Thrivent grant covering the up-front costs, 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Delonis Center! But **we need YOU** to make this happen. Time slots are 2-3 hours each and we're looking for 2 volunteers in each slot. If you're able to, sign up for multiple slots! You can sign up by scanning the QR code. Reach out to Pastor Chris ([chris@emmausannarbor.org](mailto:chris@emmausannarbor.org)) with any questions.

### **Can you help with our Unity Service & Picnic on September 7?**

We are excitedly preparing for our Unity Service and Picnic on Sunday, September 7. We can't put on this event without the help of many volunteers. We are currently looking for people to serve on a food & beverage team, to assist with preparations and setup the week of, and also supervise in the kitchen during the service and picnic. If you are interested in assisting in any of these ways or in any other ways (chair setup the day before, supervising kids in the bounce houses, clean-up etc.), please contact Lexie Brown at [lbrown@stpaulannarbor.org](mailto:lbrown@stpaulannarbor.org).

### **We are looking for Community Group Facilitators**

Are you interested in gathering with other people to do something you love for 8-12 weeks this fall? We have community groups forming as book clubs, doing service projects, playing basketball (or pickleball), hiking, studying God's Word, or anything you want to do with others. We are looking to create some new groups for this fall. If you are interested in facilitating or co-facilitating a short-term group, meeting for up to 12 weeks (as often as you'd like), please reach out to Lexie Brown at [lbrown@stpaulannarbor.org](mailto:lbrown@stpaulannarbor.org) for more information. Please also see our website at: <https://www.stpaulannarbor.org/connect/community-groups> for more info!



### **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 in the Youth House lower level (500 W Liberty St). **It's not too late to join!** To RSVP or ask any questions, contact Lexie Brown at [lbrown@stpaulannarbor.org](mailto:lbrown@stpaulannarbor.org). Study book can be purchased by scanning the QR code.