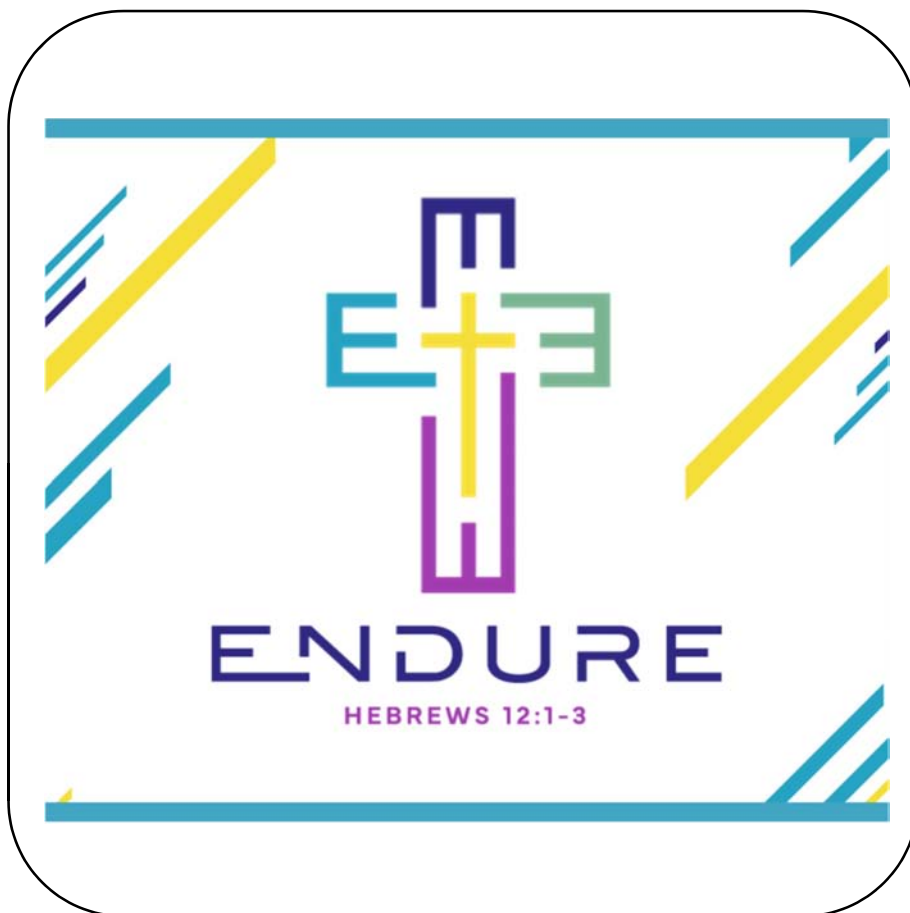




St. Paul  
Ann Arbor

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



# Welcome to Worship

July 20, 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 20, 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**

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"



LSB# 718

**WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF GOD**

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.*

*Invocation*  
*Matthew 28:19b*

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. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*"This Is the Feast of Victory"*  
(LSB pg. 171) Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Collect*

P: O steadfast Lord, You are the great I am whose promises never fail us and in whom alone salvation is to be found. Grant to us hearts to trust in Your mercy and courage to endure in the face of doubt and fear that we not surrender hope to darkness, and faith to unbelief; 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 ..... ✠ Genesis 18:1–10a

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup> and said, "O LORD, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup> while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham went quickly into the tent

to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup> The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." (ESV)

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

**EPISTLE** ..... ✠ Romans 8:18–25

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (ESV)

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

**WE RISE TO THE GOSPEL**

*Alleluia & Verse*  
(LSB pg. 173) *John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**..... ✠ Luke 10:38–42

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup> but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." (ESV)

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**NICENE CREED**

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

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,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

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.

**HYMN**

"Be Still, My Soul"  
Stanzas 1, 3, 4



LSB# 752

## RESPONSE

(Tune: LSB# 752)

**Be still my soul; your suff'ring days are ending;  
Wait on the Lord, who knows your deep distress.  
Consider all the pain that you are tending  
Will not compare with glory you'll possess.  
Be still my soul; endure now patiently;  
My hope shall stay in Christ, forever free!**

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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



## 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. 180)  
John 1:29

**G** 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 peace, grant us 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:** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"  
"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (Stanzas 1-4)  
"Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ"

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## WORDS OF PEACE AND JOY

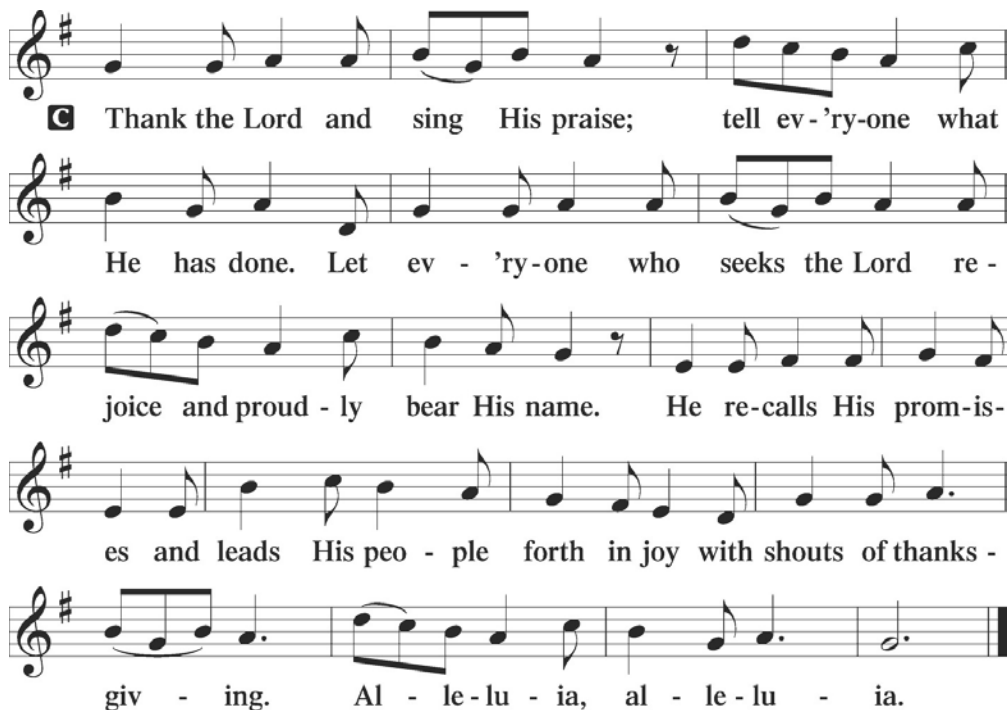
### Communicants' Dismissal

**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 ☩ peace!

**C:** Amen.

## WE DEPART WITH THANKS AND PRAISE

### Post-Communion Canticle (LSB pg. 181)



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: "We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

C: **For in this hope we were saved."**

## 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

(LSB# 576)

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is  
sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## POSTLUDE



# Our Worship Servants

**Guest Liturgist/Preacher:** Rev. Donald Neuendorf

**Lay Reader:** Philip Klintworth

**Director of Music:** Dr. John Boonenberg

**Hospitality:** Julie Burgess

**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	\$ 95,048.24	\$ 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	\$ 106,818.58	\$ 114,743.64
December	307	\$ 157,854.77	\$ 114,743.64
January	350	\$ 107,377.55	\$ 114,743.64
February	308	\$ 87,935.71	\$ 114,743.63
March	380	\$ 118,138.79	\$ 114,743.63
April	464	\$ 95,801.34	\$ 114,743.63
May	289	\$ 112,259.21	\$ 114,743.63
June	297	\$ 141,375.89	\$ 114,743.63
YTD	341	\$ 1,348,678.42	\$ 1,376,923.63

Annual Budget

\$1,376,923.63



## News & Upcoming Events

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

### **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).

### **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!

### **Thank you, Elaine & Ken Bachman, Funeral Luncheon Coordinators**

Our congregation would like to express heartfelt appreciation to Elaine and Ken Backman for over a decade of service in coordinating funeral meals and receptions at St. Paul. Elaine signed on as the official leader, and Ken has been by her side sharing Christ's love with bereaved families and friends. Elaine coordinates the efforts of many volunteers who prepare food, deliver it to the church, set tables and serve food in the fellowship hall, and clean up afterwards. As of now, Elaine is stepping back from her leadership position, and one or two more people are needed to share this responsibility with Sheila Garcia. **If you like to plan and organize, and have a flexible schedule, please volunteer! If you are willing to prepare food and drop it off at the church in time for a reception, please volunteer! If you like setting tables, or washing dishes, and are willing to volunteer, please let us know!** Many hands make light work! If you are willing to volunteer as a funeral meal helper in any capacity, please contact Sheila Garcia (734)478-9049, [sheilagarcia@hotmail.com](mailto:sheilagarcia@hotmail.com) or the church office (734) 665-9117, [office@stpaulannarbor.org](mailto:office@stpaulannarbor.org)