



St. Paul
Ann Arbor

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



Welcome to Worship

August 10, 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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 10, 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!

Holy Baptism

Yesterday evening in our worship service, **Jordan Samuel Muyanja** and **Elise Katherine Muyanja**, son and daughter of Andrew & Nancy Muyanja, became members of God's family through Baptism. The sponsors for Jordan and Elise are Jonathan & Cindy Fellows. May the Lord preserve Jordan and Elise, nurturing their faith unto life everlasting.

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 Word of Jesus, we believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a symbol. Jesus gives His people His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins through the bread and wine. In Holy Communion, Jesus not only gives these gifts, He unites us in a confession of faith. We confess that God has given His gift of salvation in baptism. We confess that we are sinners who need the forgiveness that Jesus offers by His death and resurrection. We confess that God speaks in His inspired Word, the Bible. We confess that God is one God, the Father who created all things, the Son Jesus the Savior, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in His people by faith. Alongside this confession of faith, the Holy Spirit is at work in those who receive the Supper to live according to God's Word and remain true to God, even to death, shining Jesus' love inside and outside of God's church. If you share this confession, we invite you to receive Christ's body and blood with us. If you do not share these beliefs, please talk to a pastor before communing though you are invited to come forward during Communion distribution with arms crossed to receive a blessing and the assurance of God's love in Jesus Christ. We're glad you're at St. Paul!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"
Stanzas 1-3



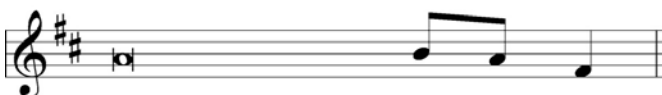
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RESPONSIVE VERSES

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, alt. (Tune: LSB# 583)
Psalms 95:1-7



Now with joy-ful ex-ul-ta-tion, let us sing Je-ho-vah's praise,
For how great a God, and glo-rious, is Je-ho-vah whom we sing;
He is our own God and leads us, we the peo-ple of His care;



to the Rock of our sal-va-tion loud ho-san-nas ev-er raise;
o-ver i-dol gods vic-tor-ious, great is He our God and King.
with a shep-herd's hand He feeds us as His flock in pas-tures fair.



thank-ful trib-ute glad-ly bring-ing, let us come be-fore Him now,
In His hands are earth's deep pla-ces, His the strength of all the hills,
To the Lord, such might re-veal-ing, let us all with rev'-rence meet,



and with psalms His prais-es sing-ing, joy-ful in His pres-ence bow.
His the sea whose bounds He tra-ces, His the land His boun-ty fills.
and be-fore our Mak-er, kneel-ing, wor-ship hum-bly at His feet.

We Hear the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT ✠ Genesis 15:1–6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE ✠ Hebrews 11:1–16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL ✠ Luke 12:22–34

²² [Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (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

"Consider How the Birds Above"



LSB# 736

MESSAGE

"Where Your Treasure Is"
Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Luke 12:22-34

RESPONSE

**Let all of heaven's wealth excel
That ev'ry earthly gain would flee,
For where your treasure then would dwell
You'll find your heart will ever be.**

(Tune: LSB# 736)

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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

CANTICLE

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

(LSB# 941)

1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,
The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.
To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav-ens sing,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,
The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;
'O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,
Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
You o - pened heav-en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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*



C 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.**

Collects of Intercession & Thanksgiving

P: Almighty God, we give You thanks for all Your goodness, and we bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day—found in the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYERS for THIS DAY

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

C: **hear our prayer.**

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 ☩ 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: *Please read the brief statement of our beliefs, "About Holy Communion", found at the beginning of our worship folder. Our pastors would be happy to meet with you to discuss our beliefs further, and help prepare you for Communion.*



Hymns: "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (Stanzas 1, 3, 4, 5)
"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" (Stanzas 1, 4, 6)
"One Thing's Needful" (1, 4, 5)

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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. 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 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

Luke 12:29,30,33,34 (ESV)

P: "Do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things,

C: And your Father knows that you need them.

P: Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

C: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

WE BLESS THE LORD

Benedicamus (LSB pg. 228)

Psalm 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

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

LSB# 735

POSTLUDE



Our Worship Servants

Liturgist/Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Lay Reader: Phil Klintworth

Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg

Family Worship Team: Tim & Barbara Adler

Hospitality: Julie Novak

Elder: Brent O'Banion

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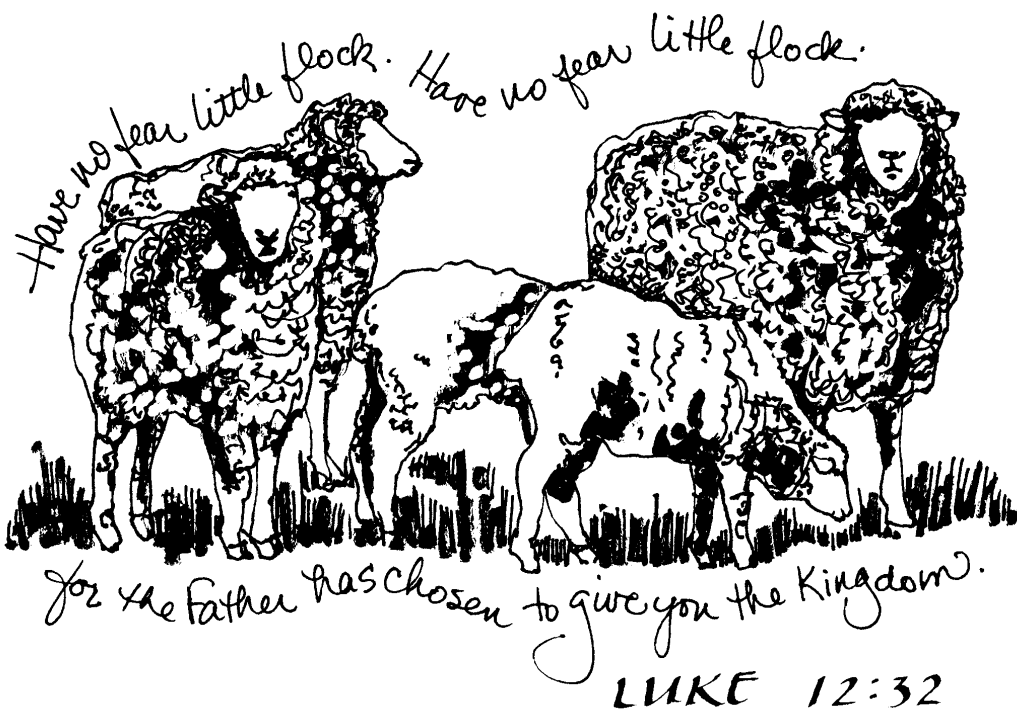
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St. Paul Stephen Ministry

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/>

2025-2026 SPAA Attendance and Offering			
Month	Attendance	Offering	Budget
July	278	\$ 85,561	\$ 103,200
August	-	\$ -	\$ 129,100
September	-	\$ -	\$ 106,200
October	-	\$ -	\$ 106,200
November	-	\$ -	\$ 132,800
December	-	\$ -	\$ 123,200
January	-	\$ -	\$ 106,200
February	-	\$ -	\$ 107,400
March	-	\$ -	\$ 135,200
April	-	\$ -	\$ 114,900
May	-	\$ -	\$ 132,800
June	-	\$ -	\$ 104,800
YTD	278	\$ 85,561	\$ 1,402,000



News & Upcoming Events

For more news & events visit our webpage at: www.stpaulannarbor.org

Save the date - Backpack Blessing is Sunday, August 24th

All students (preschool through college) are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 24th (either service) for a special backpack blessing for the new school year!



Unity Sunday Worship & Picnic – September 7th at 10:15am

Mark your calendar! Our annual SPAA Unity Worship Service and Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 7th at our School Campus (495 Earhart Rd)! Worship will begin at 10:15am with picnic to follow. Join us for food, fun, fellowship and more! Picnic and activities take place outside following the worship service, so feel free to dress comfortably! Please note, this is our only St. Paul worship service this weekend - there will be no worship services at our downtown campus on Sept 6th or 7th. We look forward to gathering all together as one big SPAA family! **Main course and beverages are provided. Please bring a dish to share as indicated:**

Dessert: last name starts with A-J

Side Dish: last name starts with K-Z

We need your RSVP - take a postcard at worship entrances or scan the QR code!

We are still looking for Community Group facilitators this fall!

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 for more information. Please also see our website at: <https://www.stpaulannarbor.org/connect/community-groups> for more info!



Our worship livestream is moving to YouTube this fall!

This fall our Sunday morning livestream will be moving to our YouTube channel! Beginning **Sunday, September 14th** you will be able to watch our worship live on YouTube, Sunday mornings at 8:30am. Scan the QR code to take you to our channel! If you click "Live" from the menu list it will take you to the livestream. Under "Videos" you can also view our archived library of past worship services. You do not need an account to watch our livestream on YouTube. If you have any questions on how to access our worship livestream please contact Natalie Nesbitt at nnesbitt@stpaulannarbor.org or Tyler Seehafer at tseehafer@stpaulannarbor.org.