



St. Paul  
Ann Arbor

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



**Welcome to Worship**

August 17, 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.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 17, 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!

## The flowers in the chancel

The flowers in the chancel have been placed to the glory of God by Nick & Susan Genova in celebration of their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (8/22).

## 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

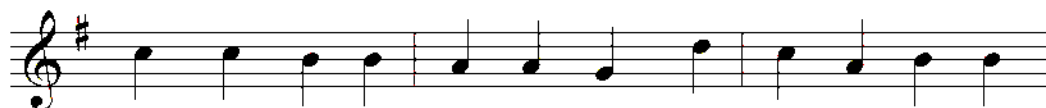
"O God of Love, O King of Peace"



(Tune: LSB# 883)



1. O God of love, O King of peace, make  
2. Whom shall we trust but You, O Lord? Where  
3. Where saints and an - gels dwell a - bove, all



wars through - out the world to cease; Our greed and sin - ful  
rest but on Your faith - ful Word? None ev - er called on  
hearts are knit in ho - ly love; Oh, bind us in that



wrath re - strain.  
You in vain. Give peace. O God, give peace a - gain.  
heav'n - ly chain.



## 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.

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- P: Heavenly Father, You have given Your only Son as the sacrifice for our sin, removing our eternal separation from You. Strengthen our faith through Your Holy Spirit, and guide us through the challenges and divisions of this life that ever surround us so that we would be kept safe to the last day when we shall finally see the Author and Perfecter of our faith; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

## We Hear the Word of God

**OLD TESTAMENT** ..... ✠ Jeremiah 23:16–29

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup> They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" <sup>18</sup> For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>19</sup> Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup> The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. <sup>21</sup> I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup> But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. <sup>23</sup> Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup> Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup> How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup> who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" (ESV)

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

## EPISTLE..... ✠ Hebrews 11:17–31

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup> He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup> He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. (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 12:49–53

<sup>49</sup> [Jesus said] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!  
<sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup> For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” (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**

“Lord, of Our Life”  
Stanzas 1, 3, 4

 **LSB# 659**

**MESSAGE**

“Division that Brings Peace”  
Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Luke 12:49–53



**Jesus—the True Word, fire, division sending,  
Yet He remains our perfect peace for mending.  
Peace for the faithful, peace to joy unending,  
Peace to salvation!**

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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*

**■** 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: *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:** "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"  
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Stanzas 1, 5, 6, 7)  
"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

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## WORDS OF PEACE AND JOY

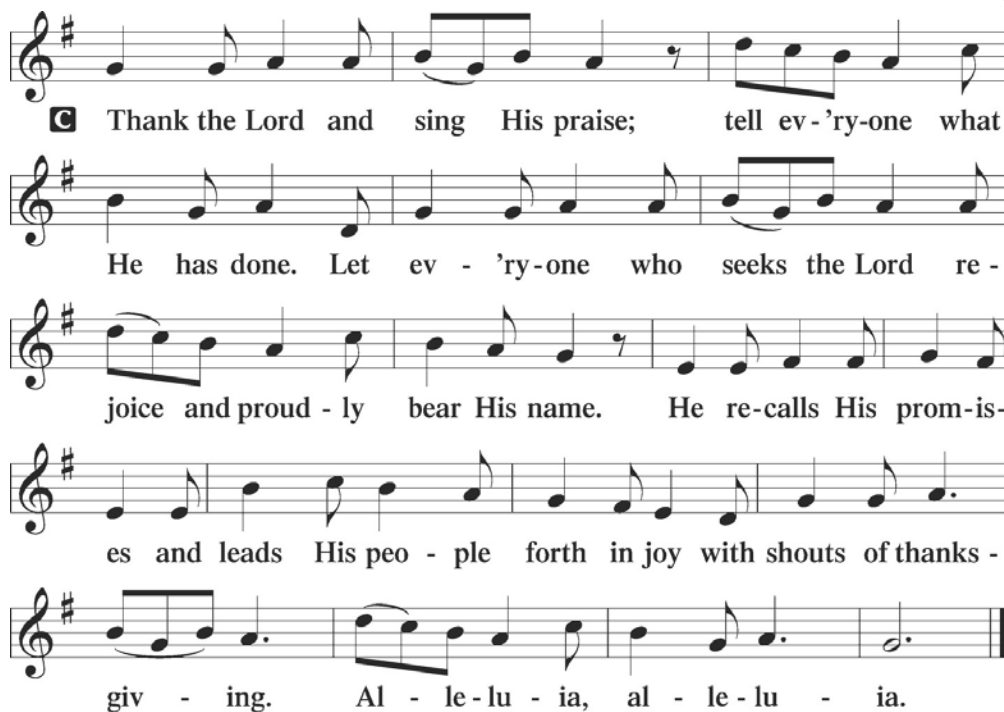
## Communicants' Dismissal

**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.

## TAKING IT HOME

Luke 2:34,35 (NIV) / Ephesians 2:14,15 (ESV)

- P: "Simeon said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,  
**C: And to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.'**"
- P: "For [Christ] himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility,  
**C: That he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace."**

## 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

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

(LSB# 917)

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,

With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;

Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

## POSTLUDE



# Our Worship Servants

**Liturgist:** Rev. Aaron Roggow  
**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins  
**Lay Reader:** Katie Contreras  
**Director of Music:** Dr. John Boonenberg  
**Family Worship Team:** Shasko family  
**Hospitality:** Julie Burgess  
**Elder:** Myron Hepner

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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](http://www.stpaulannarbor.org)

### Church Office Closed – Tuesday, August 19

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, August 19th due to our annual All Staff Meeting. Thank you for your understanding!



### Summer UNITY newsletter – now available!

Our SPAA summer newsletter is now available - pick up a hard copy at all worship entrances or scan the QR code for a digital copy.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> (either service) for a special backpack blessing for the new school year!



### Unity Sunday Worship & Picnic – September 7<sup>th</sup> 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!**



### 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](mailto:nnesbitt@stpaulannarbor.org) or Tyler Seehafer at [tseehafer@stpaulannarbor.org](mailto:tseehafer@stpaulannarbor.org).