



St. Paul
Ann Arbor

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



Welcome to Worship

August 24, 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.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 24, 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 Jim & Sheila Gilbertson in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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!

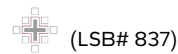
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL


WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN


"Lift High the Cross"




Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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
reflecting on Jeremiah 20*

P: The prophet Jeremiah in his day faced persecution, physical harm, even threats of death as he tried to remain faithful in proclaiming a dire message from God to the people of Judah—a message that warned of a fall to their enemies.

As we come before the Lord to be strengthened in faith and encouraged as witnesses of righteousness and truth in this world, let us first consider our own sinfulness, that we receive mercy, grace, and forgiveness from God.

C: Merciful God, we have often kept silent about our faith, fearing argument and ridicule.

We have been timid to confess Your mighty deeds before others, or to speak freely about Your love and grace.

At times, we have remained idle when we could have helped our neighbor.

Forgive us for these times. Forgive us for the failures of our thinking, speaking, and doing. Raise us up with Christ to live before You in His holiness, that we might be emboldened to tell others of Your amazing love and forgiveness—to the praise 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
with Jeremiah 20:12,13*

P: *"O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause..."*

C: You rescue the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked."

P: The truth of God's Word is unchanging. It is like a fire that reveals and destroys sin, and at the same time inspires and gives strength in the very lives of all who believe.

Therefore, almighty God in His mercy has given His own Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, by His authority and in His stead, 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 PRAISE

(LSB# 825)

3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.

Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.

To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry

sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Collect

P: Loving God, since You have called us by the light of Your truth to let that light shine through us to the world, give us the boldness, love, and strength to be Your faithful witnesses, 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

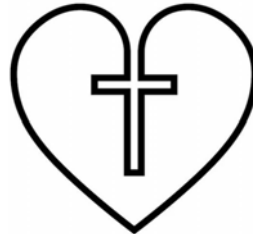
FIRST READING ✠ Jeremiah 20:9–13

⁹ Sometimes I think, "I won't talk about his message anymore. I'll never speak in his name again." But then your message burns in my heart. It's like a fire deep inside my bones. I'm tired of holding it in. In fact, I can't.

¹⁰ I hear many people whispering, "There is terror on every side! Bring charges against Jeremiah! Let's bring charges against him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip. They are saying, "Perhaps he will be tricked into making a mistake. Then we'll win out over him. We'll get even with him." ¹¹ But you are with me like a mighty warrior. So those who are trying to harm me will trip and fall. They won't win out over me. They will fail. They'll be totally put to shame. Their dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² Lord, you rule over all. You test those who do what is right. You see what is in people's hearts and minds. So pay them back for what they've done. I've committed my cause to you. ¹³ Sing to the Lord, you people! Give praise to him! He saves the lives of people in need. He saves them from the power of sinful people. (NIRV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



WE RISE TO THE GOSPEL

(Traditional)

Blessed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, praising my Sav - ior all the day long;

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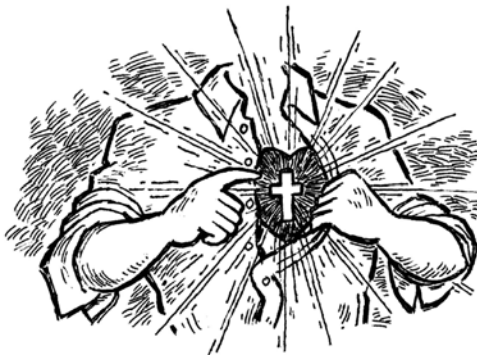
¹³ That same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a town named Emmaus. It is about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself came near and began walking with them. ¹⁶ (They were not allowed to recognize Jesus.) ¹⁷ Then he said, "What are these things you are talking about while you walk?" The two followers stopped. Their faces were very sad. ¹⁸ The one named Cleopas answered, "You must be the only one in Jerusalem who does not know what just happened there." ¹⁹ Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about?"

The followers said, "It is about Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet from God to all the people. He said and did many powerful things. ²⁰ Our leaders and the leading priests gave him up to be judged and killed. They nailed him to a cross. ²¹ But we were hoping that he would free the Jews. It is now the third day since this happened. ²² And today some women among us told us some amazing things. Early this morning they went to the tomb, ²³ but they did not find his body there. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels. The angels said that Jesus was alive! ²⁴ So some of our group went to the tomb, too. They found it just as the women said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "You are foolish and slow to realize what is true. You should believe everything the prophets said. ²⁶ They said that the Christ must suffer these things before he enters his glory." ²⁷ Then Jesus began to explain everything that had been written about himself in the Scriptures. He started with Moses, and then he talked about what all the prophets had said about him. ²⁸ They came near the town of Emmaus, and Jesus acted as if he did not plan to stop there. ²⁹ But they begged him, "Stay with us. It is late; it is almost night." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ Jesus sat down with them and took some bread. He gave thanks for the food and divided it. Then he gave it to them. ³¹ And then, they were allowed to recognize Jesus. But when they saw who he was, he disappeared. ³² They said to each other, "When Jesus talked to us on the road, it felt like a fire burning in us. It was exciting when he explained the true meaning of the Scriptures." ³³ So the two followers got up at once and went back to Jerusalem. There they found the 11 apostles and others gathered. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord really has risen from death! He showed himself to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two followers told what had happened on the road. They talked about how they recognized Jesus when he divided the bread. (ICB)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

 (Traditional)


1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'Tis pleas - ant to — re - peat
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best



Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of — Je - sus and His love.
 What seems each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To — hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know 'tis — true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er — heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new, song,



It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own Ho - ly Word.
 'Twill be the old, old, sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry



To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

MESSAGE

"Hearts on Fire"

Rev. Aaron Roggow

Jeremiah 20:9

RESPONSE

(Traditional)

**I love to tell the story, the Message of His name—
The saving words of Jesus my soul will always claim!
And if I try to keep it, my heart begins to burn,
Then I must shout the story, that your heart too would yearn!**

***I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love!***

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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.

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# 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: *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:

"On Galilee's High Mountain"
"What Wondrous Love Is This"
"O Word of God Incarnate"

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LSB# 543
LSB# 523

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

Jeremiah 20:9 (NIRV)

P: "Sometimes I think, 'I won't talk about his message anymore. I'll never speak in his name again.' But then your message burns in my heart.

C: **It's like a fire deep inside my bones. I'm tired of holding it in. In fact, I can't."**

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

**This little Gospel light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine.
 This little Gospel light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine.
 This little Gospel light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine.
 Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!**

**All around the neighborhood – I'm gonna let it shine.
 All around the neighborhood – I'm gonna let it shine.
 All around the neighborhood – I'm gonna let it shine.
 Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!**

**Hide it under a bushel, No! – I'm gonna let it shine.
 Hide it under a bushel, No! – I'm gonna let it shine.
 Hide it under a bushel, No! – I'm gonna let it shine.
 Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!**

**Let it shine till Jesus comes – I'm gonna let it shine.
 Let it shine till Jesus comes – I'm gonna let it shine.
 Let it shine till Jesus comes – I'm gonna let it shine.
 Let it shine, all the time, let it shine!**

POSTLUDE



Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
Preacher: Rev. Aaron Roggow
Lay Reader: Adam Cieply
Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg
Family Worship Team: Fred & Laurie Metzger
Hospitality: Nancy Niemela
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



Community Groups are now launching for Fall!

Community groups are for anyone looking to connect with others around a shared interest. Groups begin meeting in mid-September and wrap up before Thanksgiving. Fall groups include hiking, basketball, Visual Faith, Bach Vespers, Bible studies, service groups and more! For more information and to sign up, scan the QR code. Groups are open to everyone (not just SPAA members) so please prayerfully consider asking a friend, family member or neighbor to join you!



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.



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!

Reminder that our regular worship schedule resumes on September 13!

Saturdays @6:30pm (Downtown), Sundays @8:30am (Downtown) and 10:45am (School). Discipleship Hour will also resume on Sundays at both campuses at 9:30am. Holy Communion will still be offered at both campuses every weekend.



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.