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Welcome to Worship

September 7, 2025

10:15 AM, Earhart Campus

At St. Paul Ann Arbor, we equip families and individuals to know Christ, to discover truth, and to create meaningful connections.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 7, 2025 (10:15 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

<u>Discipleship Hour:</u> (Resumes September 14)

Earhart Campus

495 Earhart Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Worship:

Sundays @ 10:15 AM

<u>Discipleship Hour</u>: (Resumes September 14)



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!

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!

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. Moms and dads often rock little ones in the open area behind the worship space or calm a baby in the entrance hallway. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available at the entrance to our worship space. The hospitality team is happy to assist you.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF GOD

Invocation Matthew 28:19b

The sign of the cross $\, \div \,$ may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen!





(from Psalm 66)

- P: "Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
- C: Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!
- P: Come and see what God has done:
- C: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.
- P: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;
- C: They sing praises to Your name!"





WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

Confession of Sins (reflecting on John 1:46,51)

- P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father, and ask His forgiveness.
- C: Merciful God, You have called us into Your family and set us apart to be Your disciples. Yet we have often chosen the path of selfishness rather than service to others. We have stayed in our places, looking in other directions, rather in the way You would have us go. While we may think we have chosen good things, we have turned our backs on the greater good that You freely offer us. Forgive the times we have failed You, the times we have served ourselves above all else. Empower us for greater things in Your name. Amen.

(We observe a moment of quiet reflection as we consider our own sinful condition)

P: "Jesus said, 'I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

God is merciful! Because of His great love, He sent His Son, Jesus, to live under the law, to die in our place, and to rise again that we might have new life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you; and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ 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!





PRAYER OF THE DAY Collect

P: Lord Jesus, You call us to "come and see"—to follow You and experience great things. Open our eyes to see Your action in our lives and in the world around us. Move us to greater praise and honor of Your name as we serve others in Your place, that all people may be led to follow You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

We Hear the Word of God

⁶ "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



CHOIR ANTHEM

"Sing the Glory of the Lord"

Boesiger/Larson

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him in the morning, praise Him in the noontime!
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him when the sun goes down!
All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing!
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,

I hou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia!

O praise the Lord who reigns on high! Heav'n and earth, sing praise and glorify! The heav'ns proclaim the glory of the Lord. Sing the glory of the Lord! Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness.

O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia!

O praise the Lord who reigns on high! Heav'n and earth, sing praise and glorify!

The heav'ns proclaim the glory of the Lord. Sing the glory of the Lord!

—Boesiger, Larson, St. Francis of Assisi

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." (ESV)

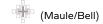
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.





Kid's Word is for children ages 3 years—2nd grade. At the Sermon Hymn, children are dismissed with adult leaders and accompanied to the Fine Arts Room for an age-appropriate Bible message presented by Mrs. TK. Following the Sermon, the children are returned to their parents. Parents and other adults are always welcome to join us for Kid's Word!





1 "Will you come and fol - low me but call your name? 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if but call your name? 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if but call your name? 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er the same? be Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er the same? the pris-oners free and nev - er Will vou set the same? be Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same? Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen, Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round, In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will me?" you let my life be grown in you and you in an - swer prayer in you and you Will me?" vou let me in and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?" through my sight and touch and sound in you and you me?" in I'll move and live and grow in you and you Thus in me.

RESPONSE (Tune: The Summons)

"Will you come and see My world if I but call your name?
Will you bring My Word to all and never be the same?
Will you sow the Truth I speak in all hearts both strong and weak?
Then the sprout and growth I seek shall spread eternally!"

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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 your chair row at the center aisle) and pass it down to each person. 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

Great Is the Lord

Michael W. Smith, Deborah D. Smith arr. Stan Pethel



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: Blessed are You, Lord God of hosts! Out of Your great love You called us into Your family and declared us to be Your children. You bid us to follow the way of Your only-begotten Son, whom You sent to be a servant and our Savior. Send us Your Holy Spirit, that we may follow the greater path of discipleship. Prepare our hearts to receive the very Body and Blood of our Lord, and fill us with joy in this foretaste of the feast to come.
- C: Amen.

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.

A Foretaste of the Great Feast in Heaven

CHRIST'S WORDS ESTABLISH THE LORD'S SUPPER

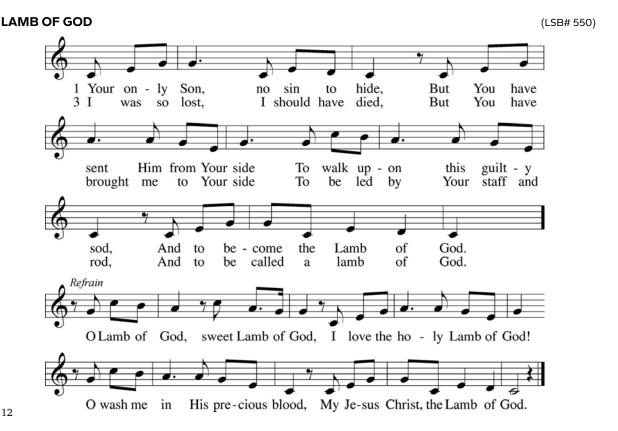
Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 \(\mathbb{M} \) 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.



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: "Here Is Love"

(See page 16)

"'Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake"

(See page 17)

"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

(See page 18)

"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

(See page 19)

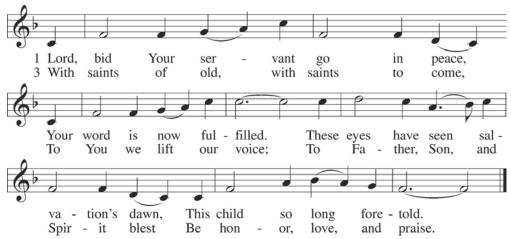
WORDS OF PEACE AND JOY

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# 937)



TAKING IT HOME John 1:45,46 (ESV)

P: "Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?'

C: Philip said to him, 'Come and see!'"

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



POSTLUDE

Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Roggow Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins Lay Reader: Jennifer Reddeman

Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg

School Choir Director: Lisa Altevogt

Choirs: St. Paul K-4 School Choir

Adult Choir

Instrumentalists: Rebecca Boyer, flute

lan O'Banion, flute Jeffrie Brooks, bassoon

Jonathan Neuendorf, trumpet

Steven Wolgast, *piano* Bennett Walters, *violin* Amanda Wolgast, *violin*

Bryce Yung, violin Ethan Yung, violin Philip Rudy, cello

Family Worship Team: Roggow family

Hospitality Team: Tom & Carol Nelson,

Julie Burgess, Cory Dunham

Elder: Matt Rudy

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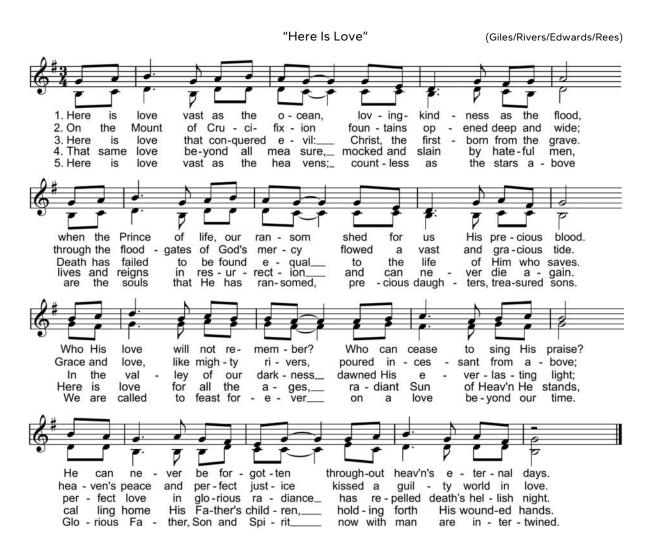




St. Paul Stephen Ministry

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.

Distribution Hymns





5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suffring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.



- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A mong the des - o - late And
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev er trod



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new: words and works a - wak-ened faith, The ways of God re-vealed: Your love com - pas - sion - ate: broke as bread of life for all serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro-claim The near - er reign of



Grant us to hear Your call In - struct us now, we pray, Lead us the ways a - long Send us on ways where faith

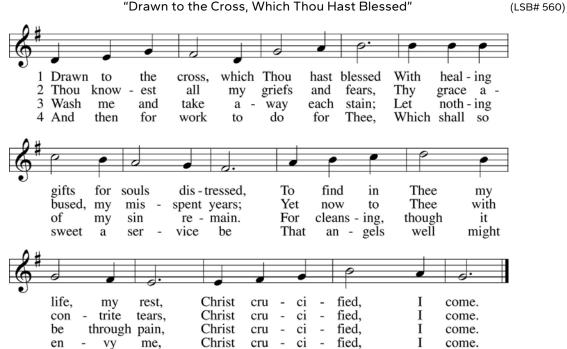
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bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty. all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord. teach - er, be for lone - ly hills us climb the Where love help is cru-ci - fied. in-forms and hope sus-tains Both life love and min-is - try.

> 5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song, The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong: Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring, Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.

"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"



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

Regular worship schedule resumes next weekend!

Beginning next weekend, our regular worship schedule will resume:

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



St. Paul Ann Arbor Annual Gratitude Report – now available!

Let's celebrate and give THANKS to God for all He has done through SPAA in the past year! Pick up a hard copy of our Gratitude Report at worship entrances (supply is limited) OR scan the QR code here for your digital copy!



Community Groups for fall – sign up now!

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. For more information and to sign up, scan the QR code. Groups are open to everyone so please prayerfully consider asking a friend, family member or neighbor to join you!

Bible Presentation Milestone – for 2nd/3rd Grade families

Learning to read and utilize the Bible is an exciting milestone in a child's faith journey. At St. Paul, we are recognizing this milestone in 2nd and 3rd grade with a time of instruction and a worship blessing where families present a Bible to their child. Families with both 2nd and 3rd graders are invited to join in a time of instruction and conversation on Wednesday, September 10 from 7:00-7:45 pm via Zoom and a worship blessing on September 14. Each family that participates will receive The Faith Alive Student Bible for their 2nd or 3rd grader. Bibles will be available to pick up beginning August 30 before and after all worship services and in Lexie Brown's office. This milestone is for all 2nd and 3rd grade families of St. Paul Ann Arbor. If your family plans to participate in this milestone, please email Director of Family Life Ministry Lexie Brown @ Ibrown@stpaulannarbor.org.



Fall Pathway (New Member) Class – Begins September 14th!

The best way to learn more about St. Paul Lutheran Church & School is to take part in our Pathway class. Pathway is a 9-week class that meets on Sunday evenings with the pastors and other church leaders. We will talk about what faith in Jesus looks like, return to some foundational basics of God's Word, and introduce you to what St. Paul is all about. There is no pressure to become a member after taking the class, but the class is a perfect way to learn more about St. Paul, meet other people, and dive into God's Word. Childcare is provided! Register using the QR code.

Class dates are Sundays: September 14 - November 16

5:00 – 6:30 PM, Fine Arts Room at our School Campus (495 Earhart Rd)

Note: Class will not meet on October 5th