



St. Paul
Ann Arbor

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

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Welcome to Worship

October 5, 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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 5, 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:
Sundays @ 9:45 AM

Earhart Campus
495 Earhart Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Worship:
Sundays @ 10:45 AM

Discipleship Hour:
Sundays @ 9:45 AM



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 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!

Discipleship Hour & Christ Connections

You're invited to gather after the service for coffee, donuts, fellowship and Bible study for adults and children! Sundays at 9:45 AM. Adults meet in Fellowship Hall (lower-level) and children ages 3 through grade 5 meet in the lower-level preschool classrooms.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"



(LSB# 908)

1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.

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!**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie, eleison

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For peace from above in times of trial and weak faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For peace in the world and the bold proclamation of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For ourselves and all who join us to hear God's Word and respond in worship and prayer,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER

P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to reach those not yet Your own, and to confirm those who have come to saving faith.

C: **May Your Word pass from hearing to the heart,**

P: From the heart to speaking,

C: **And from speaking to living;**

P: That, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"



(LSB# 908)

2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.

A READING FROM HABAKKUK

Habakkuk 1:1–4

P: ¹ The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?

C: **Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth.**

P: For the wicked surround the righteous;

C: **So justice goes forth perverted.** (ESV)

WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

*Confession of Sins
reflecting on Habakkuk 1:1–4*

- P: We have heard the complaint of the prophet Habakkuk; let us consider our own sins before our heavenly Father.
- C: **Almighty God, at times we have wondered if You hear our cries for help. In waiting for answers, we are impatient. We have not faithfully trusted Your promises—in Your time. Our sinfulness reveals that we have considered ourselves better than others. We have failed You by our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are helpless to change without Your grace and mercy. For Jesus' sake, forgive us and renew our trust in Your promises and protection. Amen.**

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

A READING FROM HABAKKUK

Habakkuk 2:1–4

- P: ¹ I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ² And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
- C: **If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.**
- P: ⁴ Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
- C: **But the righteous shall live by his faith."** (ESV)

— FOR —
THE VISION
IS YET FOR AN
APPOINTED TIME;
BUT AT THE END
IT WILL SPEAK,
AND IT WILL NOT LIE.
THOUGH IT TARRIES,
WAIT FOR IT.
BECAUSE IT WILL SURELY COME,
IT WILL NOT TARRY.
— HABAKKUK 2:3 —

GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

Absolution
reflecting on Habakkuk 2:1–4

P: The prophet did not get an answer to when his prayers would be answered by almighty God, but he trusted. Faith is a gift from God by which we can trust Him, hear the Good News, and truly listen. Through the sacrifice of His Son for us, God declares us righteous even as we struggle in our daily problems. The promises of God were all kept by our Lord Jesus Christ. And in His resurrection, we receive the promise of eternal life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, 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

"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"



(LSB# 908)

The hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty." The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Collect

P: O God, in whom we put our trust, the author of faith and hope—hear the prayers of Your people as we call to You in the midst of a violent and unjust world.

C: **Keep us strong in faith that we may live and trust You confidently;**

P: 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 ✠ 2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. (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



HOLY GOSPEL ✠ Luke 17:1–10

¹ [Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table?' ⁸ Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink?' ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'" (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"
Stanzas 1, 3, 4



LSB# 607

MESSAGE

"Why?"
Rev. Aaron Roggow

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

RESPONSE

(Tune: LSB# 607)

**Though in these days of trial and pain,
Of evil deeds ensuing,
When wicked ones would rise and reign
And seek our peace undoing,
You give Your word to wait and see,
To trust Your timing patiently;
By faith, the righteous, living.**

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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 pg. 180)
John 1:29

C 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:

"Not unto Us"

LSB# 558

"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

LSB# 750

"When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love"

LSB# 764

WORDS OF PEACE AND JOY

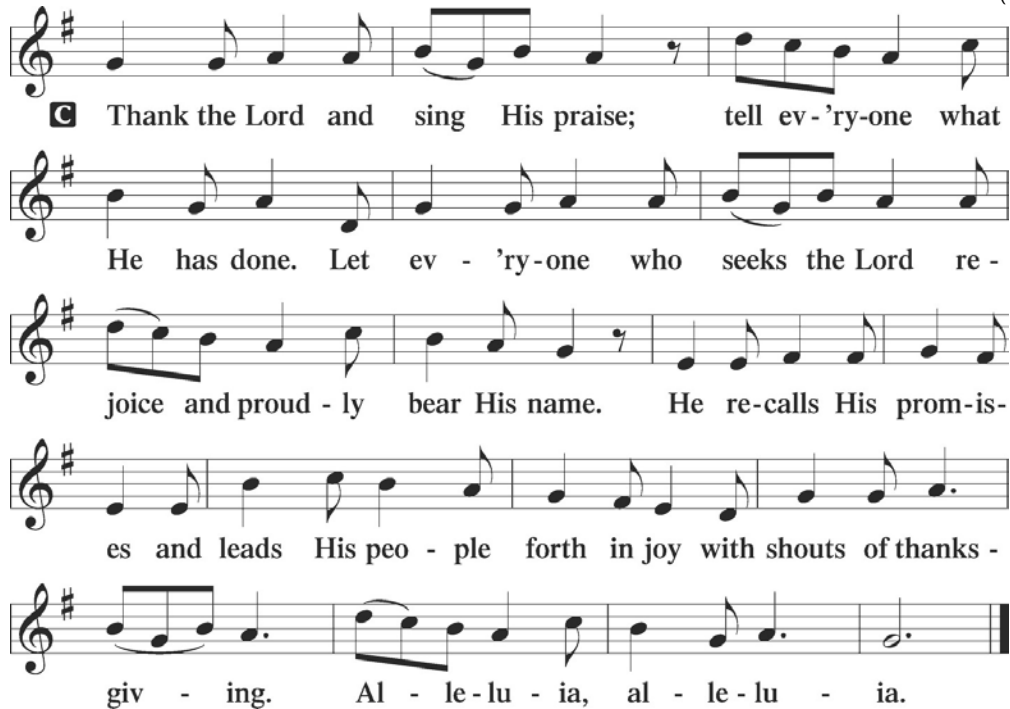
Communicants' Dismissal

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

Habakkuk 2:3,4 (ESV)

P: "[The LORD answered...] 'Still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

C: **[For] the righteous shall live by his faith."**

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 𐤀𐤁𐤁 give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

"Entrust Your Days and Burdens"
Stanzas 1, 3, 6



POSTLUDE



Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
Preacher: Rev. Aaron Roggow
Lay Reader: Phil Klintworth
Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg
Family Worship Team: Lahrman family
Elder: Zac Lahrman

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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	292	\$ 92,582	\$ 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	285	\$ 178,143	\$ 1,402,000



News & Upcoming Events

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

A Lifetime Plan for Giving – October 5th & 12th during Discipleship Hour

Many people want to provide for the people and ministries they care about but don't know how to get started. The Lifetime Plan for Giving is a process offered by the LCMS Foundation to assist you in transferring the blessings God has given you to your family and favorite ministries in the most efficient manner. Michigan Gift Planning Counselor, Julie Burgess, will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church during **Discipleship Hour at 9:45am on Sunday, October 5th (Downtown) and Sunday, October 12th (School)** to share information about planned giving for your estate. Julie will share information about establishing a will or revocable living trust, the best ways to transfer gifts to family and ministry, and the importance of re-visiting your plan throughout your lifetime. Adults of all ages are encouraged to attend this informational presentation.



Bach Vespers – rehearsals starting soon!

It's time for rehearsals for our November Bach Vespers performance! Our first rehearsal will be on October 8th (and the following 3 Wednesdays) at 7pm, at our Downtown Campus (420 W. Liberty). It's not too late to join! You can still sign up to join us as a member of the choir by filling out the sign up form (scan QR code at left). Bach Vespers will be performed for the community on November 9th at 4pm in the sanctuary at our Downtown Campus. Come join us!



Keys to the Future Milestone – October 8th

Learning to drive is an exciting time in the life of your family as it gives teens the opportunity to gain more freedom and responsibility. To celebrate this milestone, high school families with a child who is currently completing or recently completed driver's ed are invited to attend the Keys to the Future Milestone Class. Parents and students will **meet via Zoom on Wednesday, October 8 from 7:00-8:00 pm** for a time of conversation and encouragement. On Sunday, October 19, a worship blessing will be offered for families who participate in the Milestone class and each new driver will be gifted a keychain. To sign up for this milestone, please scan the QR code.

High School Youth Bowling Party – November 2, 2025

Come join us on Sunday, November 2nd from 6-8pm for a fun night at the bowling alley! Dress up in your best costume outfit and get ready for some friendly competition and laughter. We're asking \$10 per person to help cover food costs, but if that's too much—no worries, you're still welcome! And if you bring a friend, their cost is covered. Event Address: Saline 300 830 Woodland Dr E, Saline, MI 48176 Contact Tyler if you have questions at: tseehafer@stpaulannarbor.org