



St. Paul
Ann Arbor

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



Welcome to Worship

October 19, 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.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 19, 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

"O Love, How Deep"
Stanzas 1, 5, 6, 7

 LSB# 544

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

P: What makes you valuable? Your skills? Your talents? Your wealth? Your dedication? How we perform our work, how we live our lives, what we can produce or provide is often how the world measures value. Satan has tuned in to this concept. He is keenly aware that just the right situation may cause us to doubt our value, or fear that we are not admired—essentially, that we could be worthless if we're not careful.

Let us consider those times when our "value" was in question:

C: **Heavenly Father, even though we know we are Your precious children, we have allowed ourselves to be turned inward. We let the fear of falling behind or missing out drive us to do more and be better. We have cared little about what our neighbor might need; we have tried to connect our identity to fleeting things; we have followed after worldly choices for validation and approval. We have pushed ourselves to use comparison as our measure for success.**

P: Indeed, Satan's lie makes us look to ourselves to improve our circumstances. It tricks us into watching others only to make sure we are ahead. When Satan has his way, our actions are performed only for admiration.

C: **Forgive us, Father, for setting aside our humility, our patience, and our self-control. Strengthen us by Your Spirit to reject this lie, and seek our value only through Your eyes. Amen.**

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

GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

Absolution
(with Romans 5:8,10,11)

P: We live in a world that measures value and worth very differently from God. Earned success, status, and achievement are what the world looks for. But what if our true value is *not earned*? Satan whispers, "Your value is based on your performance." Yet God's Word tells a different story: *"God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ... For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life."*

C: ***"And more than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."***

P: Here we see the heart of God—a love that values us not for what we do, but for who we are in Him. Here is the liberating truth: You are not defined by your failures or achievements... rather solely by God's grace. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, in His place 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!**

FINDING OUR VALUE IN GOD'S LOVE

(Townend)



How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure that
Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Collect

- P: Almighty and everlasting God, You created the world and filled it with abundant life that You treasure and love. Strengthen our spirit to dispel Satan’s lie that we are valued only by our accomplishments. Turn us to Your Word—the Truth that shows Your love for us in the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ—the One in whom we claim our true and lasting value; through the same Jesus Christ 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..... ✠ Genesis 32:22–30

²² The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷ And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” (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 7:36–50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked [Jesus] to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

"My Worth Is Not in What I Own"



(Getty/Kendrick)

C2 F/C C2 F/C C2 F/A C2 F/C
 My worth is not in what I own Not in the strength of flesh and bone But
 My worth is not in skill or name In win or lose, in pride or shame But
 As sum-mer flowers we fade and die Fame, youth and beau - ty hur - ry by But
 I will not boast in wealth or might Or hu - man wis - dom's fleet-ing light But
 Two won-ders here that I con - fess My worth and my un - wor - thi - ness My

6 C2 G 1, 3 Am F C2 F/C C2 F/C
 in the cost - ly wounds of love At the cross My
 in the blood of Christ that flowed At the
 life e - ter - nal calls to us At the cross I
 I will boast in know - ing Christ At the
 val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid At the

10 2, 4, 5 C2 F/C C2 F/A F2 G Am F C/E G2
 cross I re-joice in my Re - deem - er Great-est Trea - sure, Well-spring of my soul

16 F2 G Am C/E F G C2
 I will trust in him, no oth - er. My soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

MESSAGE

"Satan's Lie: Your Value Is Based on Your Performance"

Luke 7:36-50

Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

RESPONSE

(Tune: My Worth Is Not in What I Own)

**When Satan tries to push his lie
That what I do will raise me high,
My heart will hold my value strong... at the cross.**

**I will not fear— my worth is found
In Christ where grace and love abound.
For God did send His Son for me... at the cross.**

***I rejoice in my Redeemer,
Greatest Treasure, Well-spring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.***

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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

**MILESTONE MINISTRY
WORSHIP BLESSING**

Learning to Drive



Milestone Ministry Steps

August – Backpack Blessing
September – 2nd/3rd Grade Bible Presentation
October – Learning to Drive
November – 5th/6th Grade Technology
January – 4th Grade Money Management
February – Infant Faith Chest
March – First Communion
April – Preschoolers Learning to Pray
June – Graduation



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

G 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: "Consider How the Birds Above"
"Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"

LSB# 736

LSB# 573

Anthem: "Lead Gently, Lord"

Clif Cason (b. 1955)

*Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for oh, my steps are weak,
And ever as I go, some soothing sentence speak;
That I may turn my face through doubt's obscurity
Toward Thine abiding-place, e'en tho' I cannot see.
For lo, the way is dark; through mist and cloud I grope,
Save for that fitful spark, the little flame of hope.
Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for fear that I may fall;
I know not where to go unless I hear Thy call.
My fainting soul doth yearn for Thy green hills afar;
So let Thy mercy burn — my greater, guiding star!*

—Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872–1906)

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.

DON'T LISTEN TO THE LIE

THE LIE

P: Your value is based on your performance.

THE TRUTH

C: **My value is based on *Jesus'* perfect performance for me.**

TAKING IT HOME

Isaiah 43:1,4a (ESV)

P: "Now thus says the LORD, 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

C: **You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you.'"**

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

HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

 LSB# 588

POSTLUDE



Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Roggow
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
Lay Reader: Neil Skov
Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg
Choir: Adult Choir
Family Worship Team: Shasko family
Elder: Jerry Novak

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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	364	\$ 108,717	\$ 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	311	\$ 286,860	\$ 1,402,000



News & Upcoming Events

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



Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 26th | 3–4:30 PM

SPAA School Parking Lot (495 Earhart Rd. Ann Arbor)

Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat event, rain or shine! Enjoy decorated trunks, treats, and snacks. Invite neighbors and family for this community event! We need helpers to make this event great! Consider hosting a trunk- scan the QR code for more information and fill out a form to sign up to host a trunk.

High School Youth Bowling Party – November 2nd

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



Bach Vespers – Sunday, November 9th at 4pm

Downtown Campus (420 W. Liberty St. Ann Arbor)

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor is launching a new Bach Vespers series, presenting the beloved cantatas, passions, and oratorios of Johann Sebastian Bach in their original context—the beautiful Vespers liturgy. Professional soloists and orchestra join Ann Arbor community singers, the St. Paul Bach Choir, St. Paul Brass Ensemble, and The Boychoir of Ann Arbor in what is sure to become a wonderful tradition. The cantata for the November 9th performance is BWV 79, Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild. Join us for this opportunity to experience this exquisite repertoire in the manner it was presented in Bach's day! This free event is open to everyone in the community, so invite your friends and come join us for a wonderful evening!

Technology Milestone – for 5th & 6th grade families!

We invite all families with 5th and 6th graders to a new St. Paul Milestone class: the 5th and 6th Grade Technology Milestone. **Please join us via Zoom Thursday, November 13, from 6:30-7:30pm.** This class is for parents and students. You do not have to be a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church to join us! This will be a great opportunity for parents to share insights and strategies with each other and celebrate successes in appropriate use of technology within the home. Each family that participates will receive a free copy of "The Tech-Wise Family" by Andy Crouch. To request an email invite to this discussion forum or for more information, contact Lexie Brown, Director of Family Life Ministry at lbrown@stpaulannarbor.org.