



Welcome to Worship

November 9, 2025

8:30 AM, Downtown Campus

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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 9, 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

<u>Discipleship Hour</u>: Sundays @ 9:45 AM

Earhart Campus

495 Earhart Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Worship: Sundays @ 10:45 AM

<u>Discipleship Hour:</u> 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

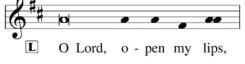
HYMN

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"



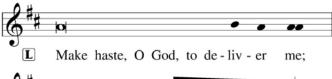
RESPONSIVE VERSES

Versicles (LSB pg. 219)



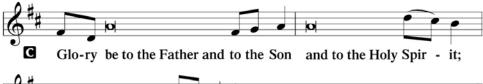


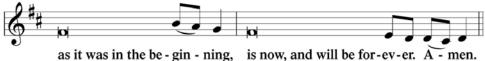
Psalm 51:15



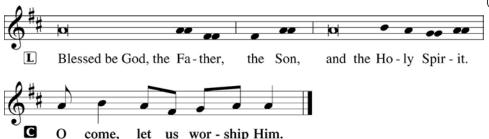


Psalm 70:1





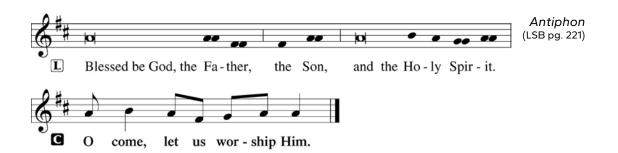




WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

Venite (LSB pg. 220ff) Psalm 95:1-7





We Hear the Word of God

¹ Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³ Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations." (ESV)

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

¹ [Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another." (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,

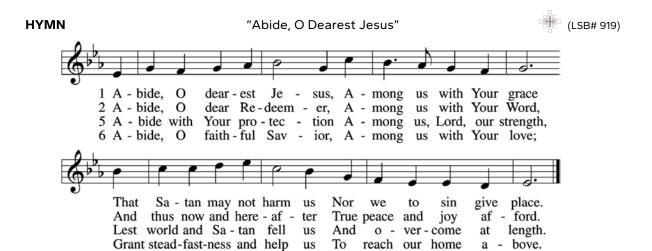
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

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.



MESSAGE

"Satan's Lie: You Are Alone" Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins Exodus 3:1-15

RESPONSE (Tune: LSB# 919)

Abide, O loving Shepherd, among us with Your care Remind us of Your presence both here and ev'rywhere.

Abide, O Lord, "God-with Us", among us—not alone; Rid fears that bind and weaken; and hold us as Your own!

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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



1 Timothy 2:1-4
Salutation

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: God invites us to approach His heavenly throne with all our needs.
- C: We enter the throne room of God, the Ruler of All Things.
- P: We come without fear, at His invitation.

C Lord, have mer-cy:

C: But we come in humility, like the blind men who called out to Jesus: "Lord, have mercy."

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie (LSB pg. 227)

Mark 10:47

Christ, have mer-cy:

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.

Collects of Intercession & Thanksgiving

Lord, have mer-cv.

- P: Gracious Father, as we hear Your Word, You remind us of Your presence in our lives. We praise and thank You for the promise You made to Joshua: "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." This is also ours through Your Son's sacrificial life and death, as He walks beside us every moment through the power of Your Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

PRAYERS for THIS DAY

(As prompted) P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

- P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

A Foretaste of the Great Feast in Heaven

WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

Confession of Sins

THE LIE: "You are alone."

- P: Many of Satan's lies are designed to falsely build up our self-image and self-reliance: "we are stronger and have the power to do and achieve all that is desirable to us." Satan also knows we are very vulnerable to pain—especially mental and emotional pain. The feeling of loneliness can spiral our thinking away from everything, including God. In times of struggle, fear, or uncertainty, Satan whispers: "You are alone", and we begin to wonder...
 - Let us consider when being alone has pushed us further away from God and others, as this lie draws us to look to ourselves or self-destructive answers for "help".
- C: Heavenly Father, being alone and isolated is painful. You created us to be connected with You and one another. But when we have faced difficult times, we have heard Satan's temptation. He has encouraged us to find comfort in being alone; to accept that we have strength in ourselves. And our thoughts begin to wander away from Your protection. We soon forget Your promises, driving us deeper into sorrow and despair.
- P: Satan enjoys this lie because it takes very little effort to plant the thought of being alone. We do all the work by letting the fear of isolation and rejection eat away at the truth. He delights when we distance ourselves from family and friends...and hopefully from God.
- C: Father, forgive us those times when we have forgotten Your promise to be with us always. Forgive us when we have neglected others who have struggled and caused them to feel alone. Forgive our lack of assurance when we worry needlessly, when we think ourselves unworthy, when we believe everything and everyone will fail us. Repeat Your promise of love for Your people; remind us that You will always look for us and find us when we are lost. Amen.

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

- P: By His very name, Immanuel— 'God with us', we have constant assurance that Jesus abides with us. We have His great promise: "Behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." While Satan drives us to isolate ourselves, Jesus seeks us again and again; He brings us into community; and in His return on the Last Day, His presence will be with us in the new creation forever.
- C: "I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."
- P: God's love and compassion for His people is always and ever. When we were wandering and alone, dead in our sinfulness, God showed us the Truth. He sent Jesus. The One whose death and resurrection cancels our debt of sin, and restores us into fellowship with God—where we will never be alone. 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!



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. 210) John 1:29



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 Eagles' Wings"

"Stay with Us"

"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

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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



DON'T LISTEN TO THE LIE

THE LIE

P: You are alone.

THE TRUTH

C: You are not alone—God is always with you.

TAKING IT HOME

Exodus 3:11–12a (ESV)

- P: "Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?'
- C: And He said, 'But I will be with you...'"

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

WE RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF GOD

Trinitarian Benediction (LSB pg. 228)

2 Corinthians 13:14

P: The grace of our Lord 🕂 Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"



POSTLUDE

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Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Roggow **Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Lay Reader: Phil Klintworth

Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg **Family Worship Team:** Phil Klintworth, Greg Marshall

Hospitality: Cindy Pine **Elder:** Neil Skov

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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 | | | | | |
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| 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 | 1-1 | \$ | -1 | \$ | 132,800 |
| June | - | \$ | - | \$ | 104,800 |
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| YTD | 311 | \$ | 286,860 | \$ | 1,402,000 |



News & Upcoming Events

For more news & events visit our webpage at: www.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 contact Lexie Brown, Director of Family Life Ministry at Ibrown@stpaulannarbor.org.



Fall Clean Up & Fellowship Tailgate - November 15th at 9am

Join us on Saturday, November 15th at 9:00 a.m. at the Downtown Liberty Campus (420 W. Liberty St) as we come together in service and fellowship for our Fall Cleanup. Let's care for the beautiful grounds God has blessed us with! Please bring basic yard tools if you're able—rakes, clippers, gloves, weeding tools, etc. After the work is done, the Trustees will host a Fellowship Tailgate with food, refreshments, college football and yard games at the Youth House. All ages are welcome—please see the sign up sheets at worship entrances or scan the QR code so we can plan adequate nourishment after your hard work serving with us.

Operation Christmas Child – Boxes due Sunday, November 16th!

It is that time of the year! The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are displayed and ready for you to take one (or more!) home, fill it, and then return it by Sunday, November 16th. For more details see info at the display tables.



Congregation Meeting – Sunday, November 23rd @ 12 PM

St. Paul members please plan to attend our next Congregation meeting on Sunday, November 23rd (sign in starts at noon) at our school campus (495 Earhart Rd). This will be an informational meeting – scan the QR code previous meeting minutes and agenda.