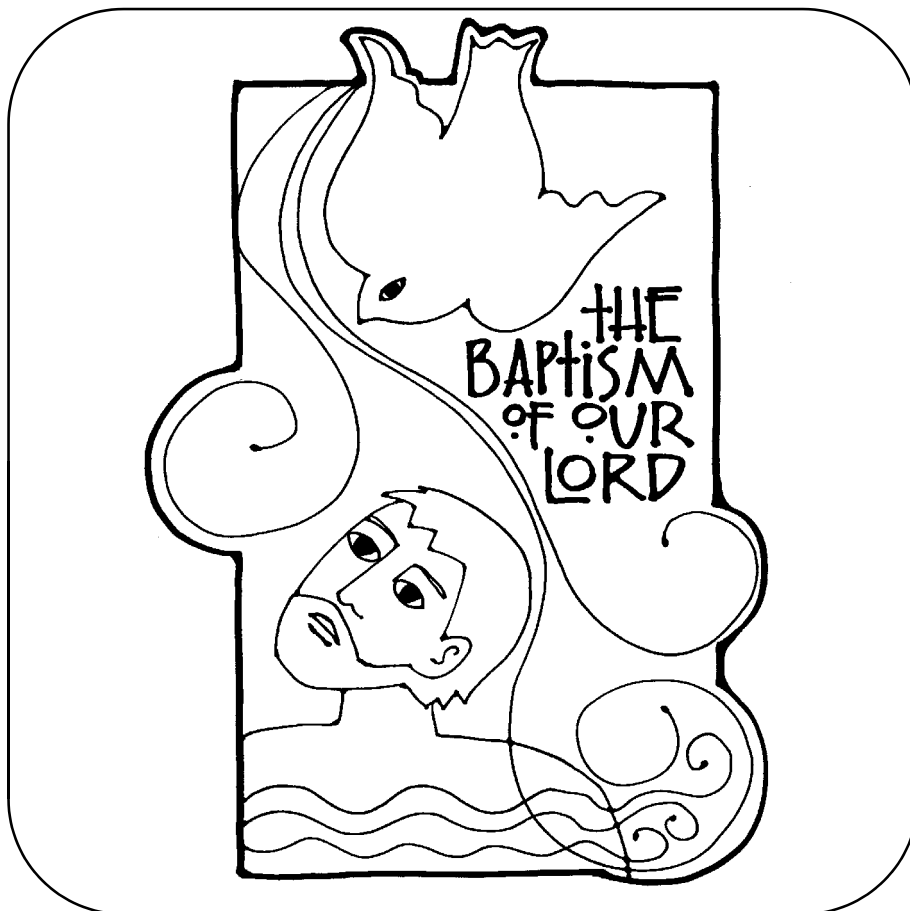




St. Paul
Ann Arbor

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



Welcome to Worship

January 11, 2026
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.

The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 11, 2026 (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

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"



LSB# 405

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
(with Romans 6:3,4; Isaiah 42:6)

P: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

C: **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."**

P: On our own, we must admit that none of us "walks in newness of life". However, since Jesus took our sins on Himself, those sins have been washed away in the water of Baptism. The promises the Father made to Him are also ours: *"I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you."* Let us therefore confess our sins, confident that the righteousness of Jesus Christ will be graciously credited to us.

C: **Merciful Father, we confess that we have walked in the ways of this world, straying from the path of new life You have provided. We have sought power and prestige for ourselves, but have neglected those less fortunate than ourselves. We have rejoiced in our freedom, but have forgotten those in prison. We have eagerly received Your gracious forgiveness, but have failed to extend it to others. Forgive us, renew us, and assure us again that through the water of Baptism, the righteousness of Jesus is now our own. Amen.**

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

GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

Absolution
(with Matthew 3:17, Isaiah 42:9)

P: In the water of His Baptism, our Lord *"fulfilled all righteousness."* The Father's approval, *"with Him I am well pleased,"* is spoken over all who have been baptized in His name. God proclaimed through Isaiah, *"Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare."* 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!**

DEATH AND LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS!

(LSB# 603)

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Em - braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life.
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Collect

P: Father in heaven, when Your Son was baptized in the Jordan River, He was fulfilling all righteousness in our place as part of His sacrificial life on our behalf. Grant that we may ever treasure the gift of Holy Baptism by which our sins are washed away, we receive our Lord's innocence, and are enabled to live before You in confidence and joy; 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

OLD TESTAMENT ✠ Isaiah 42:1–9

¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them." (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE ✠ Romans 6:1–11

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL ✠ Matthew 3:13–17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

HYMN

"Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered"



LSB# 404

MESSAGE

"To Fulfill All Righteousness"
Rev. Aaron Roggow

Matthew 3:13–17

**Jesus came to Jordan's waters,
To fulfill all righteousness;
There baptized by John most humbly,
God declared His holiness.
At the font we join with Heaven,
There with all God's family;
At our end, we hold the promise:
Life with God eternally!**

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We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings

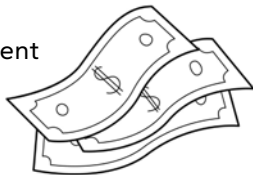
During the Offering, we invite your participation in our Ritual of Friendship. Please fill in the requested information on the Friendship Pad (which is located at the end of the pew at the center aisle) and pass it down the pew. Also, as the pad is returned, please take note of who is worshipping with 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

Money Management



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.**

GOD'S LAMB

(LSB# 624)

6 The bod - y of God's Lamb we eat, A priest - ly
7 With cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim Our voic - es
food and priest - ly meat; On sin - parched lips the
join the end - less hymn, And "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
chal - ice pours His quench - ing blood that life re - stores.
ho - ly" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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:

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

LSB# 594

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

LSB# 596

"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

LSB# 399

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# 602)

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text is: "All glo - ry to the One Who la - vish - es such love; The tri - une God in love as - sures our life a - bove. His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give; All thanks and praise for His great love by which we live!"

All glo - ry to the One Who la - vish - es such love; The
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means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give; All
thanks and praise for His great love by which we live!

TAKING IT HOME

Isaiah 42:5,6 / Matthew 3:15 (ESV)

- P: "Thus says God, the Lord, ... 'I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you.'"
- C: **"Jesus answered [John], 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'"**

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

"Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering"



(LSB# 600)

1 Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - f'ring Our hu - man
3 Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the

sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the
faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal

Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.
call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest-hood help us share.

Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo,
Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That

this is My be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove-like
we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a

form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.
cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be Your own.

POSTLUDE



Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
Preacher: Rev. Aaron Roggow
Lay Reader: Tory Zollinger
Music: Andy Contreras
Family Worship Team: Tory Zollinger, Greg Marshall
Hospitality: Nancy Niemela
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?



Download the **Church Center** app from the Google Play or Apple App stores and navigate to "Give"



or Scan the **QR Code** to give immediately through Church Center

or Visit: <https://st-paul-lutheran-church-ann-arbor.churchcenter.com/giving>



or Mail checks to: **St. Paul Lutheran Church**
420 W Liberty St
Ann Arbor, MI 48103



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2025-2026 SPAA Attendance and Offering						
Month	Attendance	Offering	Budget	Bud. Var.	Prior Year	PY Var.
July	278	\$ 85,561	\$ 103,200	\$ (17,639)	\$ 95,048	\$ (9,487)
August	292	\$ 92,582	\$ 129,100	\$ (36,518)	\$ 87,623	\$ 4,960
September	364	\$ 108,717	\$ 106,200	\$ 2,517	\$ 98,203	\$ 10,514
October	347	\$ 112,763	\$ 106,200	\$ 6,563	\$ 140,243	\$ (27,480)
November	311	\$ 135,822	\$ 132,800	\$ 3,022	\$ 106,819	\$ 29,004
December	-	\$ -	\$ 123,200	\$ -	\$ 157,855	\$ -
January	-	\$ -	\$ 106,200	\$ -	\$ 107,378	\$ -
February	-	\$ -	\$ 107,400	\$ -	\$ 87,936	\$ -
March	-	\$ -	\$ 135,200	\$ -	\$ 118,139	\$ -
April	-	\$ -	\$ 114,900	\$ -	\$ 95,801	\$ -
May	-	\$ -	\$ 132,800	\$ -	\$ 112,259	\$ -
June	-	\$ -	\$ 104,800	\$ -	\$ 122,082	\$ -
YTD	318	\$ 535,445	\$ 1,402,000	\$ (42,055)	\$ 1,329,384	\$ 7,510



News & Upcoming Events

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



Get Started Using Church Center!

SPAA is now using Church Center, a new system through Planning Center that will help us stay better connected as a St. Paul family! From online giving and keeping your information up to date to accessing our church directory, upcoming events, sermons and more - Church Center makes it easier than ever to stay informed and connected at St. Paul Ann Arbor! We ask that you cancel your online giving with Amplify (formerly Kindred) and now give online electronically using Church Center. **We will have instructions on this transition process and staff assistance available after all worship services January 10/11 and January 17/18. Simply scan the QR code now to get started!** For further set up instructions see the latest eNews.



2nd Annual Chili Cook-off & Trivia – Friday, January 23rd

Get ready for a night of flavor, fun, and friendly competition—all to support our youth! Join us on Friday, January 23rd, 6:00–9:00 PM in the Gathering Place @ St. Paul School (495 Earhart Rd). Come taste and vote on amazing homemade chilis from SPAA families, then test your brainpower in our lively trivia showdown! Prizes await the top chili chefs AND trivia champs! Tickets: \$20 each Includes: chili, chips, 1 drink, dessert, and 2 chili-voting tickets! Cash or check only—pay at the event. Childcare available from 7–9 PM, provided by our youth (free-will donations appreciated). Scan the QR code to sign up!



SPAA Vision Planning Survey & Workshop

As the Vision Team is exploring how God has used and is using St. Paul for his ministry in the Ann Arbor area, the team wants your input on how God is leading us into the future! **Scan the QR code now to take our Vision Planning Survey and please save the date for January 31st (9am-noon, Gathering Place, School Campus) to be part of our Vision Planning Workshop.** The SPAA Vision Planning Team wants you to be a part of the vision, to hear your voice and share your insight & experiences!

Puerto Rico Mission Trip Interest Meeting – Save the Dates!

St. Paul is excited to begin assembling a mission team to serve alongside Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf in Puerto Rico in November 2026! This trip is a meaningful opportunity to join in daily ministry with our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters. No matter your gifts—teaching, music, fellowship, building, or simply encouraging—there will be a place for you. No passport is required! If you're interested or want to learn more, please join us at one of our interest meetings during Discipleship Hour: **January 25– School Campus or February 1 – Downtown Campus.** Reach out to Tyler at tseehaferf@stpaulannarbor.org with any questions.