



St. Paul
Ann Arbor

Sowing truth. Building faith. Shining love.



Welcome to Worship

January 18, 2026
8:30 AM, Downtown Campus



Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 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

"The Only Son from Heaven"
Stanzas 1, 3, 4



LSB# 402

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
1 John 1:8–9; 1 Corinthians 1:2

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Called by God "to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ", let us give rightful praise and honor to God, who calls sinners to repentance and bestows saving faith in our hearts by His Word and Spirit.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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

GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

Absolution
John 20:19–23

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis
(LSB pg. 154) Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Collect

P: O God, You have called us and all who call upon You to be saints, called from the darkness of our sin to the light of holiness in You. By Your Word and Spirit, work in us true repentance and faith and the faithfulness and love that remain ours in Christ Jesus, our Lord; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 49:1-7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."

⁵ And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— ⁶ he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**TO THE
CHURCH OF GOD
THAT IS IN CORINTH
TO THOSE SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST JESUS
CALLED TO BE SAINTS TOGETHER
WITH ALL THOSE WHO IN EVERY PLACE
CALL UPON THE NAME OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST
BOTH THEIR LORD AND OURS
1 CORINTHIANS 1:2**

WE RISE TO THE GOSPEL

Alleluia & Verse
(LSB pg. 156) John 6:68

HOLY GOSPEL + John 1:29-42a

²⁹ The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

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. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

"Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"



LSB# 573

MESSAGE

"The New Life in Christ: Sanctified Together"

Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

RESPONSE

(Tune: LSB# 573)

**Called together, found in favor, saints with those in ev'ry place—
Those who call upon the Savior, Jesus Christ, receive His grace.
Ev'ry gift that He is giving, speech and knowledge of His love,
Keep us blameless in our living to the Day of God above.**

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 \ddagger of the world to come. 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.*

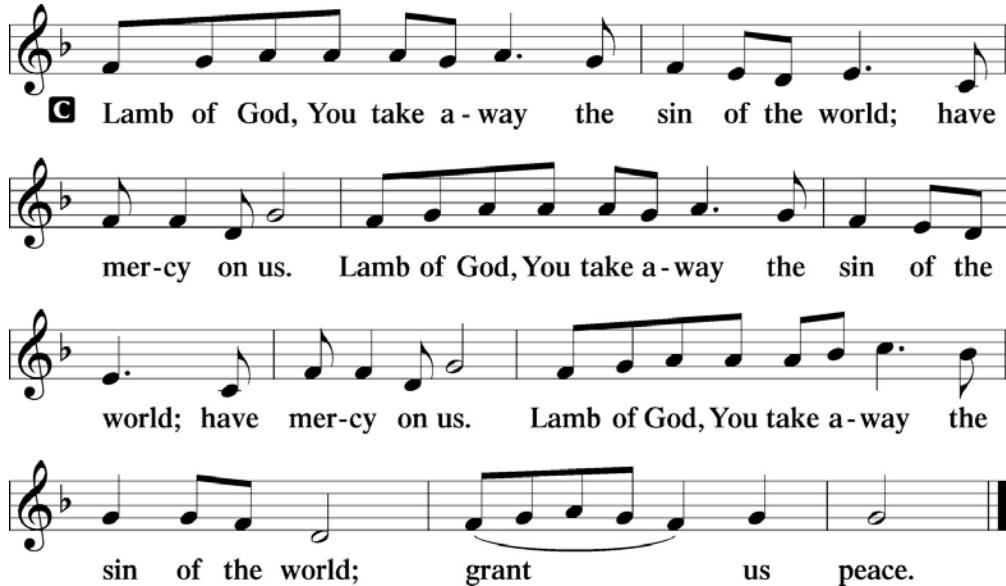
THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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. 163)
John 1:29



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.

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:

"Called and Gathered"
"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

(See Worship Folder page 11)
LSB# 646

Anthem:

Lord, Sanctify Me Wholly

Jean Pasquet (1896–1977)

*Lord, sanctify me wholly, that my whole spirit, soul, and body may become Thy temple.
O do Thou dwell in me, and be Thou my God, and I will be Thy servant.*

—Thomas Ken

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. 164)



C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek 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

1 Corinthians 1:2,3 (ESV)

P: "To those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

C: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

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

"We Are Called to Stand Together"
Stanzas 1, 4, 5

 LSB# 828**POSTLUDE**

Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Roggow

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg

Choir: Adult Choir

Family Worship Team: Fred & Laurie Metzger

Hospitality: Julie Burgess

Lay Reader/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.

"Called and Gathered"

(Tune: LSB# 848)



1 Called and gath - ered, graced and gift - ed By the Spir - it's
2 Called and gath - ered, well - pro - tect - ed, Nev - er or -phaned
3 Called and gath - ered, Christ the cen - ter, Word and wa - ter,



pow'r made one; Truth-en - light-en ed, hearts up - lift - ed
or a - lone; As the Spir - it's in - ter - ced - ing
bread and wine: Here we heav - en's por - tal en - ter;



In the Church - cre - a - ted home, We as
Brings our prayer to Fa - ther's throne. With strong
Now we fore - taste joy di - vine. Ho - ly



heirs of Christ in - her - it Treas - sured
words of af - fir - ma - tion Guilt - y
Spir - it, shape our liv - ing Pour up -



peace for all our days. Guid - ed by the Ho - ly
stains of sin re - move. By the Spir - it's mat - u -
on us all that's best; Fill us with the gift for



Spir - it— Sanc - ti - fied, we of - fer praise.
ra - tion Grow up seeds and deeds of love.
giv - ing, En - ter in and make us blest.

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Our Offerings and Gifts

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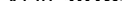
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or



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

or



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



For more giving information, go to: <https://www.stpaulannarbor.org/give/>

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.stpaulann Arbor.org



Vision Survey & Workshop – please share your thoughts with us!

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 mark your calendar for Saturday, January 31st (9am-11:30am, Phoenix Gym, School Campus) to be part of our Vision Planning Workshop.** Even if you can only come for part of the time the SPAA Vision Planning Team wants to hear your thoughts and perspective.

Call Committee Update - Nominations for Principal

The Principal Call Committee has already met and hopes to interview candidates by the end of January. Nominations from the congregation are now being accepted. Please contact John Bates **by Wednesday, January 21st** to submit names for nomination. He can be reached at 734-678-8672 or john.bates@mi-cef.org. If you have any questions or thoughts for the Call Committee, feel free to contact John or any other committee member. Please keep the committee in your prayers as they seek the Lord's wisdom and guidance throughout this process.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip Interest Meetings – Jan 25 & Feb 1

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@stpaulann Arbor.org with any questions.



Get Connected with 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! Please cancel your online giving with Amplify (formerly Kindred) and now give online electronically using Church Center. This includes online giving for our Building Campaign. **We will have instructions on this transition process and staff assistance available after all worship services January 17/18. Simply scan the QR code now to get started!** For complete set up instructions see handouts at worship entrances.