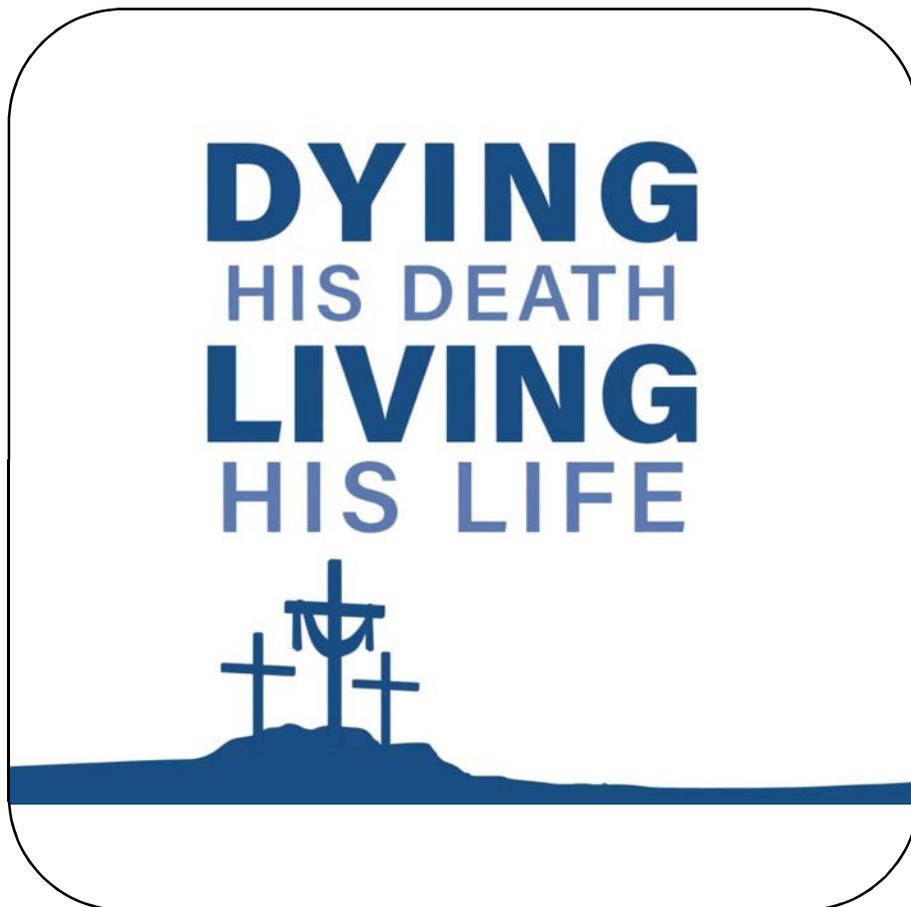




St. Paul
Ann Arbor

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



Welcome to Worship

March 1, 2026

8:30 AM, Downtown Campus



Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 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

"Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"



LSB# 421

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!**

OPENING PRAYER

(with Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:15; Matthew 6:19–20; Philippians 4:19)

P: God commands us, "*You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.*"

C: **Lord, lead us by Your Spirit to obey Your holy Word and follow Your commands.**

P: Jesus said, "*Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.*"

C: **Lord, help us to walk in Your ways and teach us to be content with what we have.**

P: Jesus tells us, "*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*"

C: **Lord, You alone are our only lasting treasure.**

P: The apostle Paul reminds us, "*My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*"

C: **Lord, in You we have all that we need.**

WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

Confession of Sins

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, we confess that we have disobeyed Your commands. We covet things that we do not have, always seeking more for ourselves. We love earthly possessions and do not first seek treasure in heaven. We follow our own selfish ways instead of living according to Your will. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Amen.

Bm "Forgiven" (Kauflin/DeGraide/Elliott)

1. Lord, for - give us for ___ our pride ___ when our
 (2. Lord, for) - give us for ___ our love ___ of the
 (3. Lord, for) - give us for ___ our shame _ when we

faith be - comes _ a show, _ dressed in right - eous deeds _ to hide ___
 things we wish ___ to own. _ We for - sake the feast _ a - bove ___ for
 can't re - lease ___ the past, _ when we're quick to take ___ the blame, _ but for -

all the stains _ be - low. _ We have judged Your sons _ and daugh - ters for the
 all the crumbs _ be - low. _ Though You've made us sons _ and daugh - ters, we do
 - get we're free ___ at last. _ We a - void Your sons _ and daugh - ters, for the

sin that is ___ our own. _ May we now for - give _ each oth - er _ and lay ___
 not the world _ dis - own. _ May we find our great - est treas - ure _ is in ___
 fear we don't _ be - long. _ Give us eyes to see ___ each oth - er _ through Your _

CHORUS

down our stones. ___ For - giv - en, _ for - giv - en. _ Through the
 You a - lone. ___
 on - ly Son. ___

blood of Christ, we are for - giv - en. ___ 1, 2. D
 2. Lord, for - ___
 3. Lord, for - ___ 3. D

GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

Absolution

P: God sent his Son, Jesus, to be our true treasure, our Savior from the death of sin. And God forgives our sins for His sake. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, by His authority and in His stead, 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!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Collect

P: Almighty God, You have graciously given to us the true Treasure, Jesus our Savior. By the riches of Your grace, through faith in Jesus, we have received the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. As we follow Jesus to the cross during these days of Lent, cleanse our hearts from greed, and teach us to put aside our selfish desires. Lead us to use the many earthly gifts You have given to us in service to others. We pray, too, that You would guide us by Your Spirit to be bold witnesses for our Savior, so that others can share in the riches of salvation through faith in His name. Hear our prayer and accept our praise for Jesus' sake.

C: **Amen.**

We Hear the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT ✠ Isaiah 53:8-10

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE ✠ 1 Peter 1:13–21

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL ✠ Luke 12:16–21

¹⁶ [Jesus] told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” (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.

HYMN

“What Is the World to Me”
Stanzas 1–3



LSB# 730

MESSAGE

“Dying to Greed, Living for the Treasures of Heaven”
Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Luke 12:16–21

RESPONSE

“What Is the World to Me”

(LSB# 730)

**What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!**

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.

Lord Jesus, for us You laid aside the riches of heavenly glory. You humbled yourself to be born among us to save us, so that we would know the wealth of God's grace through faith in Your holy name. Jesus, priceless Treasure,

C: In You we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.

P: Lord Jesus, You suffered and died on the cross to atone for the sins of the world. You were buried in the borrowed grave of a wealthy man, but on the first Easter morning You were raised to life to give us victory over death and the grave. Jesus, priceless Treasure,

C: In You we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.

P: Lord Jesus, guard our hearts against the desire to covet what others have. Help us to be satisfied with the earthly gifts that You graciously give to us. Help us to remember that You will provide for all of our needs. Jesus, priceless Treasure,

C: In You we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.

P: Lord Jesus, we ask Your blessing for those who are enduring times of trouble through illness, fear, doubt and grief. [*Especially we remember ...*] Comfort them through the promises of Your Word and, according to Your will, bring them healing. Jesus, priceless Treasure,

C: In You we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.

P: Lord Jesus, forgive our greed and constant grasping for more possessions and greater wealth. Instead, give us willing and generous hearts so that we will gladly share with others the earthly treasures that You have given to us. Jesus, priceless Treasure,

C: In You we have the riches of forgiveness and eternal life.

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

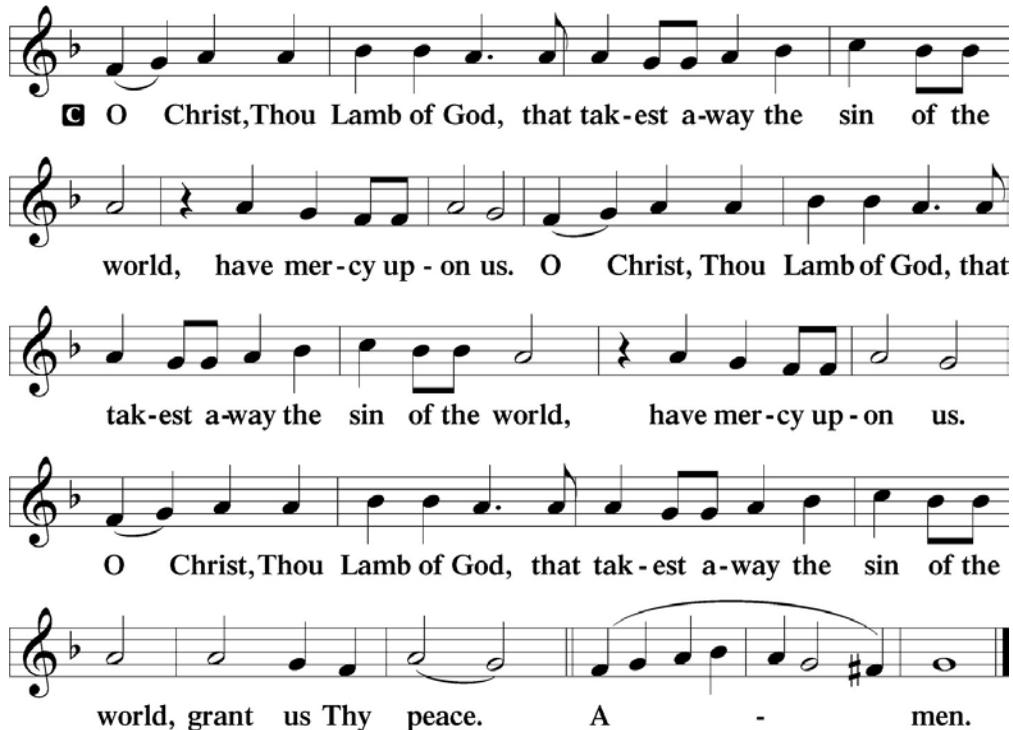
Pax Domini
John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei (LSB pg. 198)
John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

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: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"
"All Depends on Our Possessing"

LSB# 743
LSB# 732

Anthem: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)
arr. David Cherwien

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by You, we turn to You, off'ring up ourselves in praise:
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone:
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.
Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call.
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.*

—Robert Edwards (1915–1991)

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 IN PEACE

Nunc Dimittis (LSB pg. 199)
Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

TAKING IT HOME

Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)

- P: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.
- C: **But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; ... for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."**

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

"The Power of the Cross"



(Getty/Townend)



1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ on the road to Cal - va -
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the awe - some weight of
3. Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes as its Ma - ker bows His
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - fring I am



ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of
sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained
head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life - "Fin - ished!" the vic - tory
free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your self - less



wood. _____
brow. _____ } This the pow'r _____ of the cross: _____ Christ be - came _____ sin for
cry. _____ }
love! _____ This the pow'r _____ of the cross: _____ Son of God _____ slain for



us. _____ Took the blame, _____ bore the wrath; We stand for - gi - ven
us. _____ What a love, _____ what a cost! We stand for - gi - ven



at the cross.
at the

cross.



Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Roggow
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
Lay Reader: Katie Contreras
Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg
Choir: Adult Choir
Family Worship Team: Shasko family
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Elder: Michael Woon

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Dying His Death, Living His Life

Our Lenten series (for Saturdays and Sundays) reminds us that we are buried with Christ in His death so that we might live with Him in His resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for Him. In word and song, we contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ!



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>

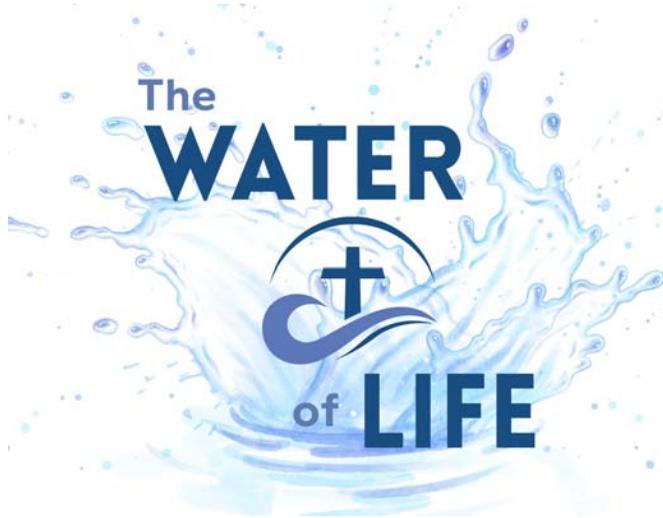


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2025-2026 SPAA Attendance and Offering						
Month	Attendance	Offering	Budget	Bud. Var.	Prior Year	PY Var.
July	278	\$ 85,561	\$ 103,200	\$ (17,639)	\$ 95,048	\$ (9,487)
August	292	\$ 92,582	\$ 129,100	\$ (36,518)	\$ 87,623	\$ 4,960
September	364	\$ 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	291	\$ 163,097	\$ 123,200	\$ 39,897	\$ 157,855	\$ 5,242
January	306	\$ 91,986	\$ 106,200	\$ (14,214)	\$ 107,378	\$ (15,392)
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	314	\$ 790,528	\$ 1,402,000	\$ (16,372)	\$ 1,329,384	\$ (2,639)



Lent ☒ Holy Week ☒ Easter Service Schedule

Midweek Lent 2 Wednesday, March 4 (12:10pm & 6:30pm— Downtown)

Midweek Lent 3 Wednesday, March 11 (12:10pm & 6:30pm— Downtown)

Midweek Lent 4 Wednesday, March 18 (12:10pm & 6:30pm— Downtown)

Midweek Lent 5 Wednesday, March 25 (12:10pm & 6:30pm— Downtown)

Palm Sunday[†] Sunday, March 29 (8:30am— Downtown)
(10:45am— School)

Maundy Thursday[†] Thursday, April 2 (6:30pm— Downtown)

Good Friday Worship Friday, April 3 (12:30pm— Downtown)

Good Friday Tenebrae Friday, April 3 (6:30pm— Downtown)

Vigil of Easter[†] Saturday, April 4 (6:30pm— Downtown)

Easter Sunrise Service[†] Sunday, April 5 (7:00am— Downtown)

Easter Festival Service[†] Sunday, April 5 (9:00am— Downtown)

Easter Festival Service[†] Sunday, April 5 (11:00am— School)

[†]Holy Communion offered



News & Upcoming Events

Don't miss out! Sign up for our e-News at: www.stpaulannarbor.org/news-and-events

Congregation Voters' Meeting & Principal Call – Sunday, March 1st (noon)

All SPAA members are encouraged to attend our voters' meeting on Sunday, March 1st at the school campus (Phoenix Gym). Meeting will start around noon, following the conclusion of the 10:45am worship service. [Childcare will be provided. Parents are encouraged to bring snacks and drinks for their children.](#) The call committee will be **presenting a candidate for the principal position** and a vote will be held. At this meeting we will also be **voting on two changes to our Bylaws** related to the Principal position. These changes can be reviewed with the link in the eNews and hard copies will be available at the meeting. Please take the time to review these changes.



Pathway (New Member) Class Starts March 8th!

The best way to learn more about St. Paul Lutheran Church & School is to take part in our Pathway class. Pathway is a 9-week class that meets on Sunday evenings with the pastors and other church leaders. We will talk about what faith in Jesus looks like, return to some foundational basics of God's Word, and introduce you to what St. Paul is all about. There is no pressure to become a member after taking the class, but the class is a perfect way to learn more about St. Paul, meet other people, and dive into God's Word. Scan the QR code for more info and to sign up!



Easter Festival – March 21st, 10am-12pm (School Campus)

St. Paul Church & School is excited to host our very first Easter Festival, and we would love for you to join us! This free, community-wide event is designed for families to gather, celebrate, and enjoy a joyful morning together. Scan the QR code for more info on this family fun event and PLEASE invite others! Volunteers still needed, please see sign up at the bottom of the webpage.

Bach Vespers, March 22nd – 4pm Downtown Campus

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor continues its new Bach Vespers series, presenting the beloved music of Johann Sebastian Bach in its original context—the beautiful Vespers liturgy. This presentation will highlight the breadth of Bach's repertoire featuring multi-generational musicians and a wide variety of different instruments and vocal combinations. Led by artistic director, Dr. John Boonenberg.



Hope Clinic Lunch Packing – Wednesday, March 25th – Donations needed!

Help us pack sack lunches for Hope Clinic before church on Wednesday, March 25 @ 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall Downtown! Pizza dinner and Lenten worship service to follow. **Tables will be set up at both locations starting March 1st with information about specific items needed.** Donations can be dropped off before and after church through March 22nd. Then plan to join us March 25th and help us pack the lunches! We are also looking for volunteers to help transport the sack lunches to Hope Clinic after they're packed. Contact Lexie Brown lbrown@stpaulannarbor.org if you can help.