



St. Paul
Ann Arbor

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

DYING
HIS DEATH
LIVING
HIS LIFE

- *Easter Sunday* -



Welcome to Worship

April 5, 2026

9:00 AM, Downtown Campus



The Resurrection of Our Lord—Festival

Sunday, April 5, 2026 (9:00 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!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Fanfaren für Blechbläser
Cortège
Resurrection Chorale

Friedrich Zipp
Gordon Young/arr. P. Klintworth
Gustav Mahler/arr. B. Wilson

RINGING OF THE BELL

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Let all the people who gather this day proclaim: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



✠ Please stand and face the ProceSSIONAL Cross as it enters the sanctuary ✠

PROCESSIONAL
HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today; Alleluia"



(LSB# 457)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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!**

RESPONSIVE READING

1 Corinthians 15:51–58

P: “Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

C: **For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.**

P: For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

C: **‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’**

P: ‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C: **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!”**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

Confession of Sins

P: As we give thanks to God our Father for the resurrection of His Son, Jesus, we come before Him in repentant humility to confess our sins.

C: **Almighty God, even as we celebrate our Lord’s resurrection this day, we remember that it was our sins He bore in His body on the cross. Forgive us for turning away from Your Word, and choosing to follow our own ways. We have disobeyed Your commandments through our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved others as we should. In every way, we are poor witnesses for Jesus and His Kingdom. Forgive our sins, and have mercy on us for the sake of our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

Absolution

P: On the cross, Jesus suffered the penalty of death for our sins. By His wounds, we are healed, and we are forgiven. We were buried with Him in Baptism and raised to new life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, in His stead 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!

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

“This Is the Feast of Victory”

arr. Richard Hillert

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
 2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
 4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry and might Be to
 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

To Refrain

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Salutation & Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Mighty Savior, crucified and risen Lord, we gather on this first day of the week to celebrate Your triumphant resurrection. You have conquered in the fight. You have overcome sin, death, and Satan; and Your victory is our victory. In Baptism, we were united with You in death, and we have been raised to new life—a life that will continue into eternity. Lead us now to walk with You in this newness of life and to follow closely in Your footsteps of love and service. Jesus, Lamb of God, accept our grateful praise, today and forever.

C: **Amen.**

We Hear the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT † Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹ “At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.” ² Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³ the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. ⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶ For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’” (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT † 2 Timothy 2:8-13

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.” (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Dying You destroyed our death, rising You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

Easter Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him, the guards trembled and became like dead men.

⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you."

⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." (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

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

 (LSB# 475)



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

MESSAGE

“He Lives Triumphant”
Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Matthew 28:1-10

RESPONSE

(LSB# 475)

**Dying His death, His promise lives!
Eternal life His Spirit gives!
Triumphant vict'ry now is His:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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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

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, You died on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. You were buried and, on the third day, You rose in victory over death. You have promised that because You live, we also will live. When You return on the Last Day, we will be raised up from the grave—just as You were raised, to live in Your presence forever. Crucified and risen Lord,

C: Hear our prayer, and accept our praise.

P: Lord Jesus, in Holy Scripture we read the promise: if we die with You, then we will live with You. If we endure, remaining steadfast in faith, we will reign with You forever. We give You thanks and praise for the gift of Baptism, in which we were united to Your death and raised to new life. Crucified and risen Lord,

C: Hear our prayer, and accept our praise.

P: Lord Jesus, You are our bright Sun of Righteousness. You shine in and through our lives with the light of Your love and grace. Help us in the power of the Holy Spirit to reflect the light of Your love to everyone we meet. Crucified and risen Lord,

C: Hear our prayer, and accept our praise.

P: Lord Jesus, as the women ran from Your tomb to share with the disciples the Good News of Your resurrection, lead us in the power of the Holy Spirit to witness to others. Help us to share with them the Good News of forgiveness and eternal life that we already have through faith in Your name— even as we worship and praise You as our Lord and King. Crucified and risen Lord,

C: Hear our prayer, and accept our praise.

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



OUR PREPARATION

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Preface &
Proper Preface*

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for You have revealed to us the life-saving message of the Gospel centered on the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. On this day we praise You for displaying Your power over the grave in Jesus' rising to life, and we eagerly anticipate the rising of all Your saints from the grave at our Savior's return. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus
(LSB pg. 161)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Pax Domini

C: **Amen.**

John 20:19

An ancient and significant gesture in worship is the **Sharing of Peace**. This tradition, rooted in Scripture (1 Peter 5:14; Romans 16:16), recognizes that one of the biggest dangers in the body of Christ is disunity— both from grievances not forgiven and from not knowing our neighbors. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who entered into our world, came to know humanity from the inside, and restored peace between God and all people. When we share the peace of Christ, we desire to know and be at peace with everyone who comes into our midst, especially those we are meeting for the first time.

"Peace be with you." ✠ "The peace of Christ be with you."

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:	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"	LSB# 463
	"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"	LSB# 467
	"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"	LSB# 633
	"With High Delight Let Us Unite"	LSB# 483
	"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"	LSB# 469

Anthem: Alleluia! Christ Has Destroyed Death Kevin Hildebrand (b. 1973)
Alleluia! Christ has destroyed death. Alleluia!
And has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Alleluia!

—2 Timothy 1:10b

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 with ☩ Easter joy!

C: **Amen.**

WE DEPART WITH THANKS AND PRAISE

Post-Communion Canticle
(LSB pg. 164)



G 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.

WE RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF GOD

Easter Benediction

Hebrews 13:20–21

P: "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory ✠ forever and ever."

C: **Amen!**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"



(LSB# 461)



All: 1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort

All: 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -

Women: 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who

ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious

plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.

in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

All:

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

Men:

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

All:

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!



Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Roggow
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg
Choir: Adult Choir
Instrumentalists: St. Paul Brass & Percussion Ensemble
Family Worship Team: Rudy family
Hospitality: Cindy Pine, Pat Winton
Elder: Adan Garcia

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News & Upcoming Events

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



Spring Community Groups are starting soon – Sign up now!

Community Groups are for anyone looking to connect with others around a shared interest. Our spring groups begin meeting after Easter and wrap up by the end of June. **Spring groups include hiking, basketball, men's golf, Visual Faith, book club, Bible studies, and more!** For more information and to sign up scan the QR code. [All groups are open to everyone so please prayerfully consider asking a friend, family member or neighbor to join you!](#)

Learning to Pray Milestone

Prayer is a gift from God. Teaching young children to pray is both a privilege and responsibility of parents. That is why we are excited to partner with families in order to help them make prayer a comfortable and normal part of the life of your young children. **Parents and their preschool aged children** are invited to the Learning to Pray Milestone Class. The class will take place Tuesday, April 14, via Zoom at 6:30pm. A special worship blessing will take place on Sunday, April 19. During the worship blessing, a prayer pillow will be given to each child that participated in the milestone class. For more information or to sign up, contact Lexie Brown – Director of Family Life Ministry at lbrown@stpaulannarbor.org!



VBS 2026 – Registration now open!

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a life-long adventure, discovering the nature of God, and exploring what it means to be rooted in relationship with their creator, a safe place in life's storms. VBS is open to children who have turned 4 by June 1 through children who have completed 4th grade. Registration is now open and closes June 10. Scan the QR code to register or volunteer!

Save the Date! All One Worship Service – May 17th at 10:45am (School)

Join us on Sunday, May 17th at 10:45am at our school campus (495 Earhart Rd) as we worship all together in one place! Also plan to join us at 9:45am for Discipleship Hour and Christ Connections! *Please note: There will be no worship services at our Downtown Campus that weekend.*