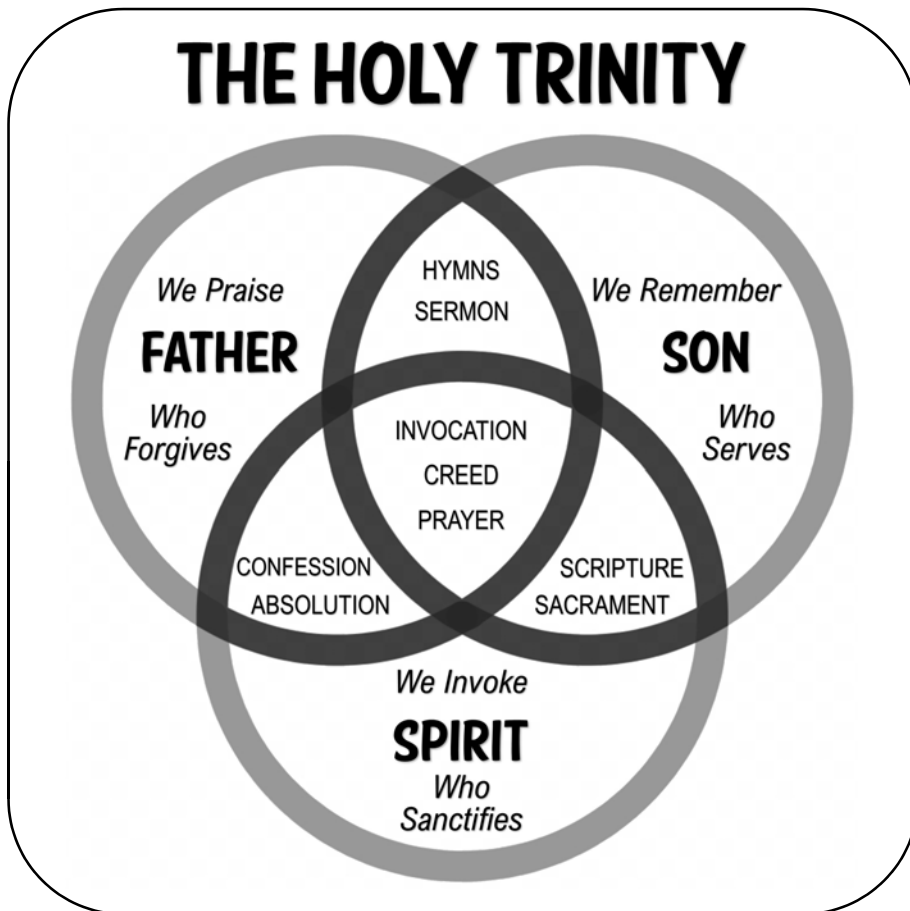




St. Paul  
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Sowing **truth**. Building **faith**. Shining **love**.

# THE HOLY TRINITY



## Welcome to Worship

May 31, 2026

**8:30 AM, Downtown Campus**



The Holy Trinity

Sunday, May 31, 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:  
(Resumes in September)

**Earhart Campus**  
495 Earhart Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Worship:  
Sundays @ 10:15 AM

Discipleship Hour:  
(Resumes in September)



## Welcome to St. Paul Ann Arbor!

**We are so glad you're here.** At St. Paul, we value **unity**. Whether you are a long-time member or visiting for the first time, we want you to feel connected to one another and to the hope we have in Jesus.

## Getting Connected

Our pastors would love to meet you! If they don't get a chance to greet you before the service, please stop by afterward to say hi.

- **The Black Folder:** Guests, please find the folder at the end of your row to share your name and contact info. We'd love to know more about you!
- **What's Next?** Flip to the back page of this worship folder to see upcoming events and groups for connecting with others and serving the community.

## About Holy Communion

In Holy Communion, God's people gather as Jesus taught, united in what we believe. Sharing the beliefs and practices of the **Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS)**, we confess that this meal is more than a symbol. We confess (believe, speak, and live this truth):

- Jesus gives His true **body and blood** in the bread and wine of Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sins.
- God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—gives His gift of salvation in Baptism.
- We are sinners who need the gifts Jesus offers by His death and resurrection, as God promises in His inspired Word (the Bible).
- Holy Communion is something God gives His people as we gather for forgiveness and for the strength to live in God's Word by the Holy Spirit and to daily follow Jesus.

**Should I commune?** If you share this confession of faith, we welcome you to the table! If you have questions or hold different beliefs from those above, **we invite you to come forward for a blessing** (simply cross your arms over your chest). A pastor also would love to chat with you before or after the service to learn more.

## Families with Children

**We love having kids in worship!** (Yes, even if they're wiggling or crying.) If you are here with children, please know there are Activity Bags and Children's Bulletins at any entrance. Need a break? A Cry Room is available at the rear of the sanctuary, while a nursery is located just below the main entrance. Our hospitality team is happy to guide you to any of these spots.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"



(LSB# 507)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

## 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!**

## ALL GLORY TO GOD

P: The great fifty days of our Easter celebration have passed for another year, crowned by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. From there, we begin a season of the teachings of our living Savior, Jesus Christ. Today, we first pause to celebrate the central tenet of our Christian faith: the doctrine of the mystery of the one true God who has revealed Himself in three persons— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Every utterance of God has been fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ... apart from whom, we are condemned because of our sin. Yet, in spite of our sin, His living and active Word creates faith in our hearts by the work of the Spirit. This is the great Good News we proclaim all our days by which God brings forgiveness and life to all, making disciples in all the nations of the earth. For this we say, glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever!

C: **Amen!**

(LSB# 506)

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'I Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it: Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry, glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!' The final note is a whole note on the G line of the staff.

## WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

*Confession of Sins*

P: Gathered in the name of the One who created all things and unites us to Christ through our Baptism, we prepare to receive God's good gifts to us all. With confidence let us draw near to God, confess our sin, and be renewed in God's mercy and grace.

P: For our failure to be attentive to the care of Your creation,

**C: Father, forgive us.**

P: For our neglect of ourselves in body, soul, and spirit,

**C: Father, forgive us.**

P: For our lack of care for the poor and the unloved,

**C: Lord Jesus, forgive us.**

P: For our false pride and failure to live confidently in Your love,

**C: Lord Jesus, forgive us.**

P: For our sins of selfishness and all our sins known and unknown,

**C: Holy Spirit, forgive us.**

P: For our failure to recognize the gifts given and supported in Your power,

**C: Holy Spirit, forgive us.**

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

## GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE

*Absolution*  
(with Romans 5:8)

P: Brothers and sisters, God's love is shown to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In the water of Baptism you were joined with Christ and made a child of God. Anointed with the Holy Spirit you are free to live as God's people, sent to serve the world. Therefore, upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, in His place and by His command, 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

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

(LSB# 941)



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:



"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
"O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"  
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Salutation & Collect*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith which professes the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

# We Hear the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT ..... † Psalm 8

(Sung)

"How Excellent in All the Earth"

(Tune: LSB# 737)

**ALL:**        **How excellent in all the earth,  
                  O Lord God is Your name!  
Who has Your glory far advanced  
                  Above the starry frame.**

Men:                From infants' and from newborn mouths  
                          You did Your strength ordain,  
                          Your triumph over all Your foes  
                          Your might, Lord, did restrain.

Women:            *When I look up unto the heav'ns  
                          Which Your own fingers framed,  
                          Unto the moon, and to the stars,  
                          Which were by You ordained;*

**ALL:**        **I wonder what is man that You  
                          Should notice even me?  
Or what the Son of Man that You  
                          So kind to him should be?**

Men:                A little lower now is he  
                          Than angels You have made;  
                          With glory and with dignity  
                          Your crown upon his head.

Women:            *Of all Your works You made him, Lord,  
                          Beneath his feet to lay;  
                          All sheep and oxen and all beasts  
                          That in the field now stray;*

**ALL:**        **Fowls of the air, fish of the sea,  
                          All these display Your fame.  
How excellent in all the earth,  
                          O Lord God is Your name!**

<sup>14</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: ... <sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.”’ <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

WE RISE TO THE GOSPEL

(LSB# 816)

3 All praise to God the Fa-ther be, All praise, e-ter-nal  
 Son, to Thee. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Whom with the Spir-it we a-dore For-ev-er and for-  
 ev-er-more: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

**HOLY GOSPEL**..... ✠ Matthew 28:16–20


<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN**

“We All Believe in One True God”

 (LSB# 953)



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,  
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;  
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;  
Who sus - tains and com - forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.  
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.  
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

**MESSAGE**

“How Majestic: The Glory of the Trinity”

Psalms 8

*Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins*

**RESPONSE**

(LSB# 953)

**In love, the Father glorifies  
His own Son, who saves us all;  
By whose Word we know and stay  
Strong in faith to hear His call.  
Through the Spirit give your praise,  
To our Triune God we raise!**

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# The Athanasian Creed

( **WG** = Women & Girls   **MB** = Men & Boys )

[Excerpt]

[ THE HOLY TRINITY ]

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic\* faith.

**All: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

P: And the catholic\* faith is this:

**All: That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**



P: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**All: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

P: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

**MB: The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

**WG: The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, the Holy Spirit incomprehensible;**

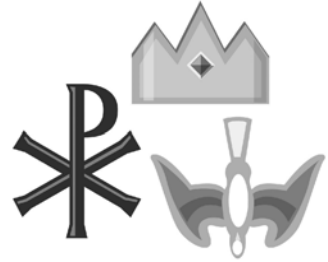
P: The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

**All: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Incomprehensibles, but one Uncreated and one Incomprehensible.**

P: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

**MB: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

**WG: *And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal,***



P: So that in all things, as has been stated:

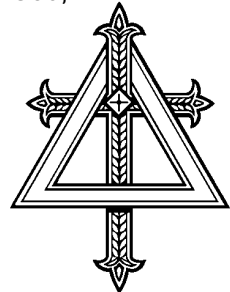
**All: The Trinity in Unity and the Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped. Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

[ THE TRUE DIVINITY and TRUE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST ]

P: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

**MB: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in the age:**

**WG: *Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.***



P: Although He is God and man, He is not two but one Christ: one, however, not by conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man,

**MB: So God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**WG: *At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil, into eternal fire.***

P: This is the catholic\* faith;

**All: Whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly, cannot be saved. Amen.**

[\*catholic=universal Christian]

# We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings

During the Offering, please let us know you're here! For members and guests who have our Church Center app, we ask you to please take a moment to Check In and let us know you are in worship with us today. For our guests and members who do not have our Church Center app, we invite you to please fill in the requested information in the Friendship Pad (the black folder located at the end of the pew at the center aisle). Please pass it along for anyone else who might need it.

Want to give electronically? Simply scan the QR code here:  
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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.*

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

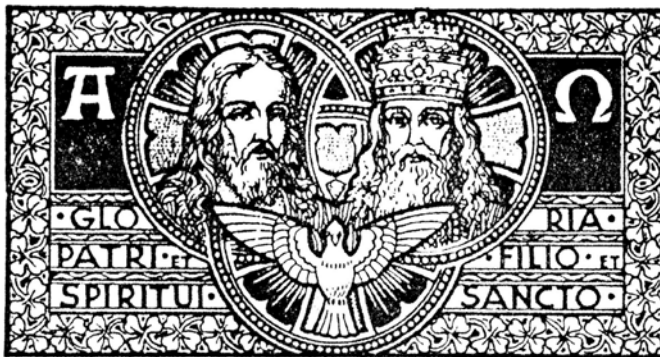
*Pax Domini*

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."**



PREPARATION

(LSB# 561)

3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of  
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -

res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's  
 ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -

seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a  
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this

tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would  
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

die, Would drink the cup of scorn and  
 eat, To find with - in this cross of

dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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:** "O Blessed, Holy Trinity"  
 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"  
 "Father, Most Holy"

LSB# 876  
 LSB# 571  
 LSB# 504

## 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 Cantic*

(LSB# 949)



1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;  
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."  
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon-or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!  
Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.  
Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

## TAKING IT HOME

*Liturgical Text*

- P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.  
C: **Let us give glory to Him, for He has shown mercy to us!**

## WE RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF GOD

*Trinitarian Benediction*

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

- P: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C: **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"



(LSB# 717)



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic  
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
 runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -  
 fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save  
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -

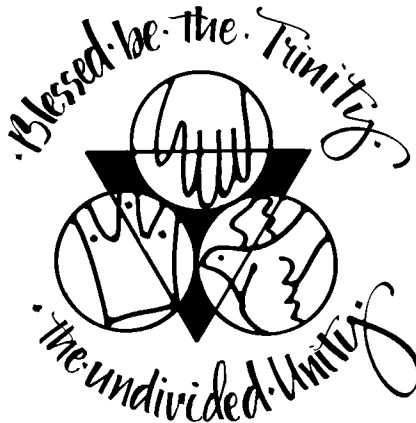


own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy  
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
 watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.  
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

POSTLUDE





# Our Worship Servants

**Liturgist:** Rev. Aaron Roggow  
**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins  
**Lay Reader:** Adam Cieply  
**Director of Music:** Dr. John Boonenberg  
**Family Worship Team:** Fred & Laurie Metzger  
**Hospitality:** Cherise Callahan  
**Elder:** Jerry Novak

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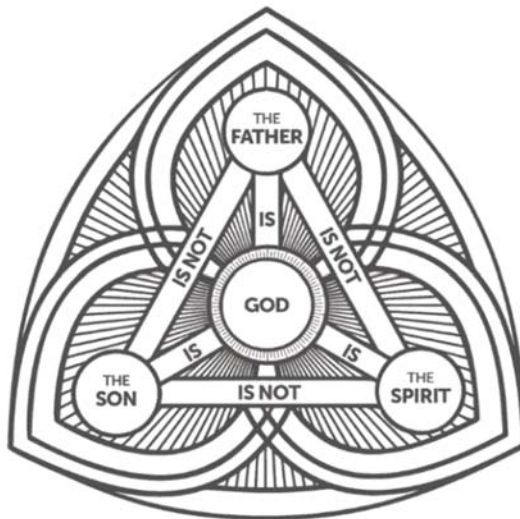
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Month	Attendance	Offering	Budget	Bud. Var.	Prior Year	PYVar.
July	278	\$ 85,561	\$ 103,200	\$ (17,639)	\$ 95,048	\$ (9,487)
August	292	\$ 92,582	\$ 129,100	\$ (36,518)	\$ 87,623	\$ 4,960
September	364	\$ 108,717	\$ 106,200	\$ 2,517	\$ 98,203	\$ 10,514
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	350	\$ 128,052	\$ 107,400	\$ 20,652	\$ 87,936	\$ 40,116
March	356	\$ 118,257	\$ 135,200	\$ (16,943)	\$ 118,139	\$ 118
April	428	\$ 112,360	\$ 114,900	\$ (2,540)	\$ 95,801	\$ 16,559
May	-	\$ -	\$ 132,800	\$ -	\$ 112,259	\$ -
June	-	\$ -	\$ 104,800	\$ -	\$ 122,082	\$ -
YTD	332	\$ 1,149,197	\$ 1,402,000	\$ (15,203)	\$1,329,384	\$ 54,153

# TRINITY SUNDAY

On this day we celebrate and praise the Holy Trinity, one of the most profound mysteries of the Christian faith. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons and yet one God. God's Word itself does not try to satisfy our curious questions regarding the nature of the Trinity. The traditional creeds of the Church were written very carefully and faithfully, steering clear of confessing more about the Trinity than the Bible has given the Church to confess. Even the lengthy Athanasian Creed (which is customarily reserved for Trinity Sunday) says at least as much about what the Trinity is not. In so doing, it lays out buoys so that the Church might safely navigate precarious waters. On Trinity Sunday, the Church gathers not to explain or even defend the Trinitarian faith, but to worship God who created, saved, and sanctifies us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## THE ATHANASIAN CREED

*Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith.*

*Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.*

*The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the "catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.*





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## News & Upcoming Events

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### **Congregation Voters' Meeting, Sunday @ 11:30am**

Don't forget to join us on Sunday, May 31st at 11:30am (after the late service) in the gym at our School Campus (495 Earhart Rd) for a Voters' Meeting. Meeting topics will include voting on 1 open Board of Directors position and also re-election of Elders (including 2 open Elder positions). Handouts are available by scanning the QR code. Hard copies can be found at worship entrances.

### **Hospitality Training**

St. Paul strives to be a hospitable congregation welcoming visitors and newer members. One of the ways we do this is through our hospitality teams. You don't have to be an official member of the hospitality team to reach out and welcome people you don't recognize into our church. If you have a heart for welcoming newcomers or you are potentially interested in joining the hospitality team, you are invited to join us for a hospitality training on **May 31st**. This training will be offered at both locations with the downtown one taking place after the 8:30 service in the fellowship hall in the sanctuary and the Earhart training will start at 9:30am in the 7th grade classroom.

### **Boychoir Spring Concert - Sunday, June 7 @ 5pm, SPAA, Downtown Campus**

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor presents "Sing Together," celebrating the joy and strength to be found in singing together in community. This performance will feature all three ensembles of this talented local non-profit community choir of boys ages 8 to 18 joining their voices in song. This final concert of the 39th season includes repertoire from a variety of styles celebrating the concert's theme—modern choral works by Jacob Naverud and Joan Szymko alongside motets by Bach and Brahms and exciting works by Moses Hogan and Rollo Dilworth—all expressing our need for togetherness and the power of communal song. The concert is free and donations are gladly accepted to help support the Boy Choir of Ann Arbor.



### **VBS Snack Donations Needed**

Help us feed 200 kids and 100 volunteers at VBS! You can click the link to see what donations we still need. This year we are using Amazon so you can order the item and have it sent directly to us at St. Paul. Scan QR code for snack donation link!

### **VBS 2026 Rainforest Falls – Registration ends June 10!**

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!

