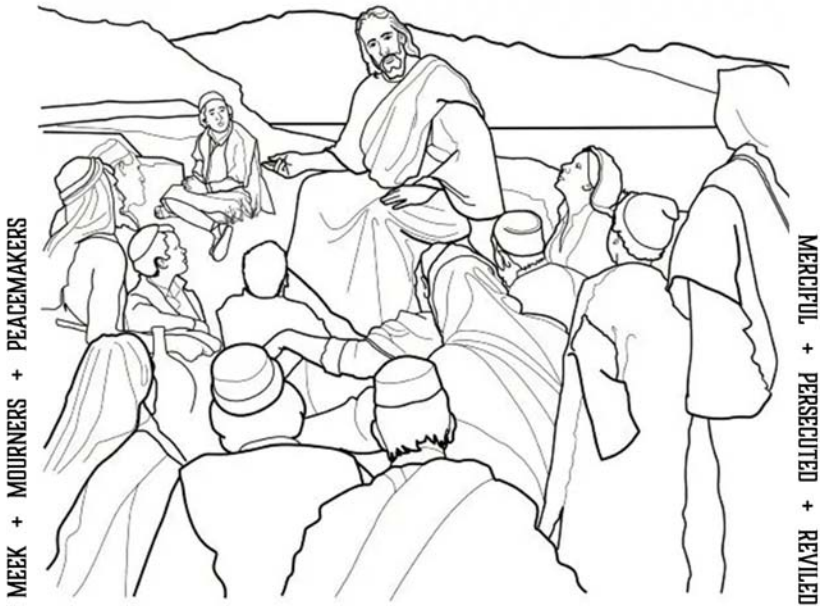




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Ann Arbor

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Welcome to Worship

November 1, 2026

8:30 AM, Downtown Campus



St. Paul Lutheran
Church of Ann Arbor

At St. Paul Ann Arbor, we equip families and individuals to know Christ, to discover truth, and to create meaningful connections.

All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 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 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.
- **Coffee & Discipleship:** Coffee is available in the gathering area off the front of the sanctuary. Also, join us Sundays at **9:45 AM** for "Discipleship Hour." Coffee, treats, and Discipleship activities for all ages!

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

"For All the Saints"



(LSB# 677)



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;
gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! 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!**

- P: Today we celebrate All Saints' Day, reflecting on *"...all the saints who from their labors rest."* We teach that saints are sinners baptized into Christ, redeemed by the cross of Jesus, and who gave us examples of trusting not in their own heroic feats but in the grace and mercy of God in Jesus. So why remember saints? To thank God for their life and witness, to be encouraged in our own walk of faith, and to remember and rejoice for God giving us examples of how grace and faith look in the real lives of people we knew.
- P: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'
- C: **'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'"**

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

- P: We rejoice this day, as we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table, and in His mercy summoned them to Himself so that they may continue in joyful service to Him forever.

(Members of our St. Paul family who have died since All Saints' Day 2025)

✠ **Ernest C. Wendt** ✠ (January 31, 2026)

Romans 6:5,9 (ESV)

- P: For if we have been united with [Christ] in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- C: **We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.**

✠ **Harry C. Kipfmiller** ✠ (February 22, 2026)

Job 19:25–27 (ESV)

- P: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,
- C: **Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.**

✠ Susan E. Dunkelberger ✠ (March 8, 2026)

John 10:27–28 (ESV)

P: [Jesus said,] “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

C: **I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”**

✠ Barbara J. Morton ✠ (March 15, 2026)

1 Corinthians 15:19,20,22 (ESV)

P: If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C: **For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

✠ Gary A. Pope ✠ (April 12, 2026)

Philippians 3:20–21 (ESV)

P: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ—

C: **Who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.**

✠ Clara “Betty” Roos ✠ (September 18, 2026)

1 Corinthians 15:51–52 (ESV)

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.**

✠ Joan Reed ✠ (September 26, 2026)

John 14:2–3 (ESV)

P: [Jesus said,] “In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

C: **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”**

✠ Elizabeth A. Frederick ✠ (October 18, 2026)

John 11:25–26 (ESV)

P: Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

C: **And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”**

✠ P R A Y E R ✠

P: Almighty God, in joyful expectation of eternal life with You, we remember those loved ones who have gone before us in faith and now rejoice with that multitude which no man can number, with whom in the Lord Jesus Christ we are one forevermore. We give You thanks for the gift of faith you worked in them and, encouraged by their witness, we hold fast to the *certainty* of Your promise of eternal life in Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

(LSB# 677)



3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The

Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
 Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The

win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
 hearts are of brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! 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: Let us pray. Lord, when we are poor in spirit,

C: **You bless us.**

P: When we mourn, when we are meek,

C: **You bless us.**

P: When we hunger and thirst for righteousness,

C: **You bless us.**

P: When we show mercy, when we are heartbroken,

C: **You bless us.**

P: When we make peace, when we are persecuted for Your sake,

C: **You bless us.**

P: Your blessing abounds in all circumstances. Guide us to be a blessing to the people around us. Fill our hearts with peace as we remember those who have gone before us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

We Hear the Word of God

FIRST READING ✠ Revelation 7:9–17

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING ✠ 1 John 3:1–3

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE RISE TO THE GOSPEL

(LSB# 670)

3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyr
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

HOLY GOSPEL ✠ Matthew 5:1-12

¹ Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you
 and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

"Jesus Sat with His Disciples"

 LSB# 932

MESSAGE

"Blessed Are ... *whom??*"
Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins

Matthew 5:1–12

RESPONSE

(Tune: LSB# 932)

**Jesus saw the ones who gathered,
And with heartfelt peace and care,
Called the most unlikely people
"Blessed" and loved beyond compare.
Blest are we who love our Savior,
When the world would call us cursed;
For our gain is great in heaven,
From the one who loved us first.**

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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.

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.

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- ✠ Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
- ✠ Rev. Aaron Roggow

The Prayers We Bring to God

P: Just as the saints above surround the throne, we gather to plead for Your mercy, O Lord, for ourselves, our community, our nation, and our world.

Heavenly Father, You have called us Your children, and so we are. Fix our eyes on Your love, that we might be pure as Christ is pure, and walk in hope of the glory yet to be revealed. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C: Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

P: Merciful Savior, You opened Your heart to the poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, and the persecuted. Be the strength of the weak and the consolation of the hurting, [*especially, we remember...*]. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C: Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

P: Eternal King, as an uncountable multitude sings of the salvation that belongs to the Lamb on the throne, make us aware of the struggles of Christians of every tribe and language, that we might support them with our prayers and charity. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C: Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

P: Compassionate Christ, as You remember those who mourn, make us tender to care for those who grieve. Wipe away their tears with the hope of heaven and sustain them in body and soul until the day when pain and death are no more. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C: Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

- P: Faithful Lord, teach us a new song to sing, that as Your saints in this place we might impact our families and neighborhoods, displaying Your goodness and declaring Your Gospel. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.
- C: Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**
- P: For Your daily mercies, for our Baptism into Christ, for the faithfulness of Your church, and for the hope of Your return, we give You all glory and honor, O Lord, now and forevermore.
- C: Amen.**

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



WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS

Confession of Sins

- P: Our rejoicing this day is tempered by the reality that, even though our gracious God has declared us to be saints—holy in His sight while living on earth— we continue to sin. Let us therefore confess our sins, confident of God's mercy and grace for Jesus' sake.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus called “*blessed*” those who are poor in spirit, meek, and hungering after righteousness.

- C: We confess that we have sought our personal happiness; we have worked to gain power; and we have neglected the disadvantaged and oppressed people around us. In Your mercy, forgive us, Lord Jesus.**

- P: In the Beatitudes, Jesus called “*blessed*” those who are merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers.
- C: **We confess that we have sought our own advantage; we have become distracted from God’s will for us; and we have let conflicts go unresolved. In Your mercy, forgive us, Lord Jesus.**
- P: In the Beatitudes, Jesus called us “*blessed*” when we are persecuted for His sake.
- C: **We confess that we have sought to avoid persecution at all costs, seeking approval from the people around us and failing to proclaim the faith inside us. In Your mercy, forgive us, Lord Jesus. Renew in us right spirits that we may 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
(with Psalm 32:1, Romans 4:8)

- P: “Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.”
- C: **“Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against him.”**
- P: Jesus calls us to rejoice and be glad! He knows our failings and still forgives them. In His infinite mercy He calls us His saints, united with the prophets, apostles, and martyrs who have gone before us. He is our Lamb and Shepherd, our great reward—and we are blessed! Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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!**



M · A · T · T · H · E · W 5

This hymn is a versification of the Latin "Dignus est Agnus"— otherwise known as "A Song to the Lamb". This canticle identifies Christ as the "Lamb that was slain" and praises God's work of redemption. It is based on the Revelation of St. John. These themes and images are echoed in our first Scripture reading today.

2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,

By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,

A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry

na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.



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.
C: **Amen.**

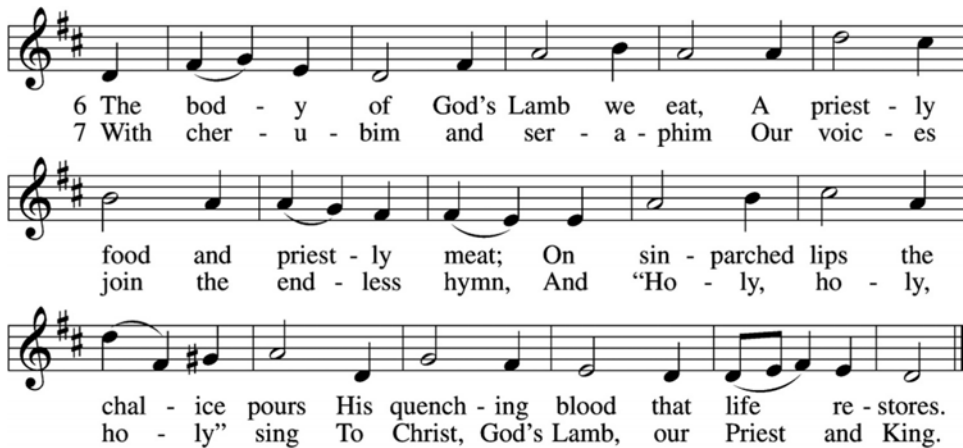
Pax Domini
John 20:19

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# 624)



6 The bod - y of God's Lamb we eat, A priest - ly
7 With cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim Our voic - es

food and priest - ly meat; On sin - parched lips the
join the end - less hymn, And "Ho - ly, ho - ly,

chal - ice pours His quench - ing blood that life re - stores.
ho - ly" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Communion Distribution

Please note before receiving Holy Communion: *Please read the brief statement of our beliefs, "About Holy Communion", found at the beginning of our worship folder. Our pastors would be happy to meet with you to discuss our beliefs further, and help prepare you for Communion.*



Hymns: "Jerusalem the Golden"
"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

LSB# 672
LSB# 671

Anthem: "Offertoire"
*Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.*

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)

Translation: The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
And the torment of malice (death) shall not touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish, they seemed to die,
But they are at peace.

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.**

TAKING IT HOME

Matthew 5:3,12 (ESV)

- P: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C: **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."**

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





1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

POSTLUDE



Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Roggow
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
Lay Reader: Phil Klintworth
Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg
Choir: Adult Choir
Greeters/Ushers: Tory Zollinger, Greg Marshall
Hospitality: Cherise Callahan
Elder: Zac Lahrman

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2026-2027 SPAA Attendance and Offering						
Month	Attendance	Offering	Budget	Bud. Var.	Prior Year	PY Var.
July	255	\$ 87,223	\$ 90,569	\$ (3,346)	\$ 85,561	\$ 1,662
August	319	\$ 97,105	\$ 97,260	\$ (155)	\$ 92,582	\$ 4,523
September	334	\$ 105,980	\$ 114,288	\$ (8,308)	\$ 108,717	\$ (2,737)
October	-	\$ -	\$ 118,332	\$ -	\$ 112,763	\$ -
November	-	\$ -	\$ 142,975	\$ -	\$ 135,822	\$ -
December	-	\$ -	\$ 171,440	\$ -	\$ 163,097	\$ -
January	-	\$ -	\$ 121,025	\$ -	\$ 91,986	\$ -
February	-	\$ -	\$ 134,636	\$ -	\$ 128,052	\$ -
March	-	\$ -	\$ 117,968	\$ -	\$ 118,257	\$ -
April	-	\$ -	\$ 99,376	\$ -	\$ 112,360	\$ -
May	-	\$ -	\$ 113,215	\$ -	\$ 107,685	\$ -
June	-	\$ -	\$ 109,416	\$ -	\$ 104,079	\$ -
YTD	303	\$ 290,308	\$ 1,430,500	\$ (11,809)	\$1,360,960	\$ 3,447



News & Upcoming Events

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Technology Milestone (5th & 6th Grade Families)

We invite all families with 5th and 6th graders to the Technology Milestone. Please join us **via Zoom** on **Thursday, November 12, from 6:30-7:30 pm**. This class is for **parents and students** connected to St. Paul Church & School in any way. This is a great opportunity for parents to share insights and strategies with each other and celebrate successes in appropriate use of technology within the home. Each participating family will receive a free copy of "5 Habits of the Tech-Ready Family" by Chris McKenna. A Milestone Blessing will be a part of our weekend services on November 14/15. To receive a link to the Zoom conversation or for more information, contact Grace Wiebe, Director of Christian Education Intern at: familyministry@stpaulannarbor.org.



Join us for our "Awaken" Workshop - November 13 & 14

Want to share your faith with more confidence? Jesus calls us to share the good news, but many of us aren't always sure where to begin. In connection to St. Paul's Welcoming Community Vision, we're partnering with Multipli to offer Awaken, a free training in relational evangelism. Learn simple tools for sharing the gospel, practice real conversations, and receive coaching, feedback, and encouragement along the way. This isn't about having all the answers. It's about taking a step of faith and learning to be more intentional in the relationships God's already given you. Scan the QR code for more details on this workshop and to sign up.

Bach Vespers - Sunday, November 15 at 4pm (Downtown Campus)

Save the date and invite your friends and neighbors! St. Paul Ann Arbor offers another in its well-loved Bach Vespers series, presenting the beloved cantatas, passions, and oratorios of Johann Sebastian Bach in their original context—the beautiful Vespers liturgy. Professional soloists (Claudia Boonenberg, Jennifer Goltz, Brian White, and Benton DeGroot) and orchestra join Ann Arbor community singers, the St. Paul Bach Choir, St. Paul Brass Ensemble, and The Boychoir of Ann Arbor in what has become a wonderful Ann Arbor tradition. The cantata for the November 15th performance is BWV 147, Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben. Join us for this opportunity to experience this exquisite repertoire in the manner it was presented in Bach's day!

Save the Date - Congregation Meeting is Tuesday, November 17!

Members of St. Paul Church, please mark your calendars and plan to join us for an important informational Congregation Meeting on **Tuesday, November 17th at 7 PM** in the Fellowship Hall of our Downtown Campus (420 W. Liberty). Watch your eNews for more details and May meeting minutes.
