St. Paul
Ann Arbor

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



Welcome to Worship

November 15, 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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 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

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CHURCH & SCHOOL

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 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" LSB# 334
Stanzas 1, 4, 6

WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF GOD *Invocation*
Matthew 28:19b

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen!

WE TURN TO GOD, MINDFUL OF OUR SINFULNESS *Confession of Sins*
1 John 1:8–9

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

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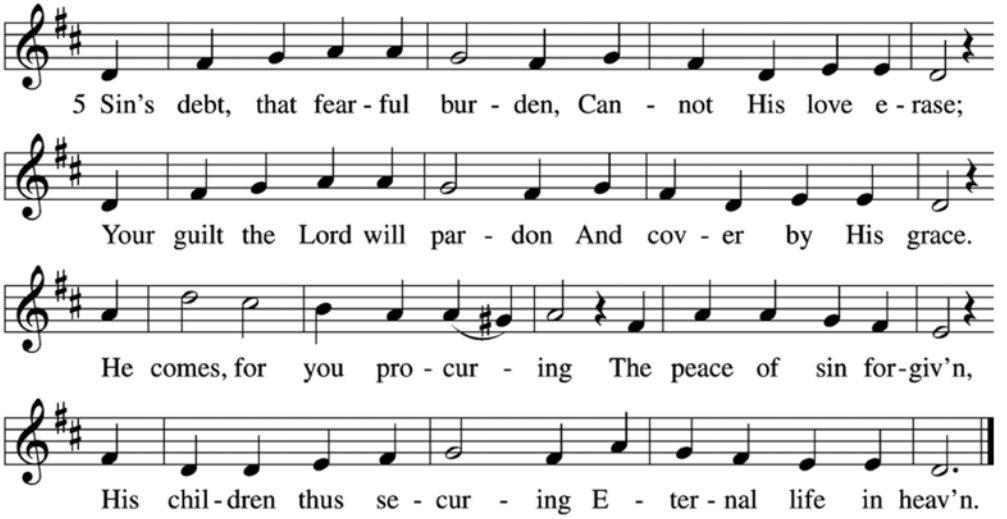
C: Most merciful God, we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal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

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

GOD TURNS TO US, EAGER TO FORGIVE *Absolution*
John 20:19–23

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you for all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen!

OUR RESPONSE (LSB# 334)



PRAYER OF THE DAY *Salutation & Collect*

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we do not know the day nor the hour of the coming in glory of the Bridegroom, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we wait, continue to nourish our faith until Your Son would lead home His Bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

MILESTONE MINISTRY WORSHIP BLESSING

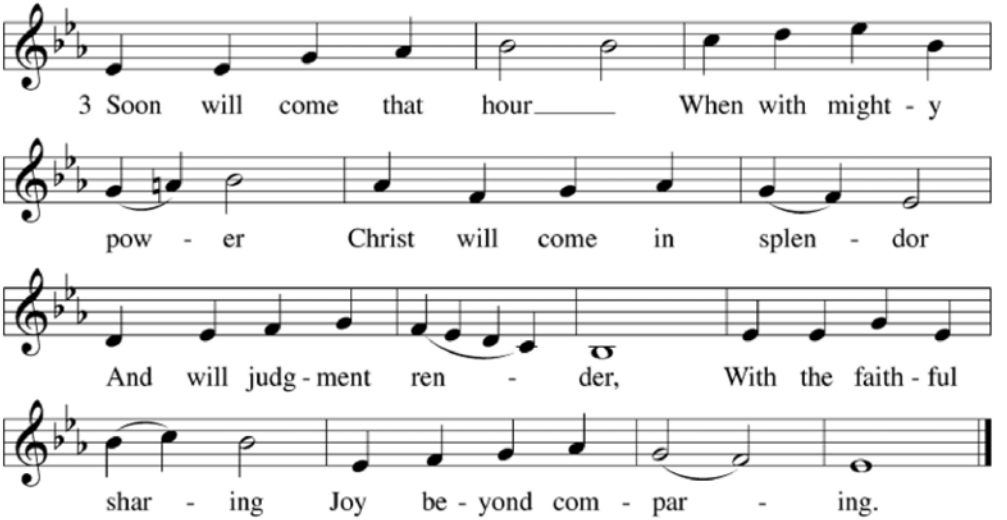
5th/6th Grade Technology



Milestone Ministry Steps

Backpack Blessing
2nd/3rd Grade Bible Presentation
Learning to Drive
5th/6th Grade Technology
4th Grade Money Management
Infant Faith Chest
First Communion
Preschoolers Learning to Pray
Graduation

PREPARING FOR THE WORD (LSB# 333)



We Hear the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT . . . . . ✢ Zephaniah 1:7–16

7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a
sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8 And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice— "I will punish
the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that day I
will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud. 10 "On that day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish
Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11 Wail, O inhabitants of the
Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12 At that time I
will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who
say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.' 13 Their goods shall be
plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit
them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14 The great day of
the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the
mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a
day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick
darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the
lofty battlements." (ESV)
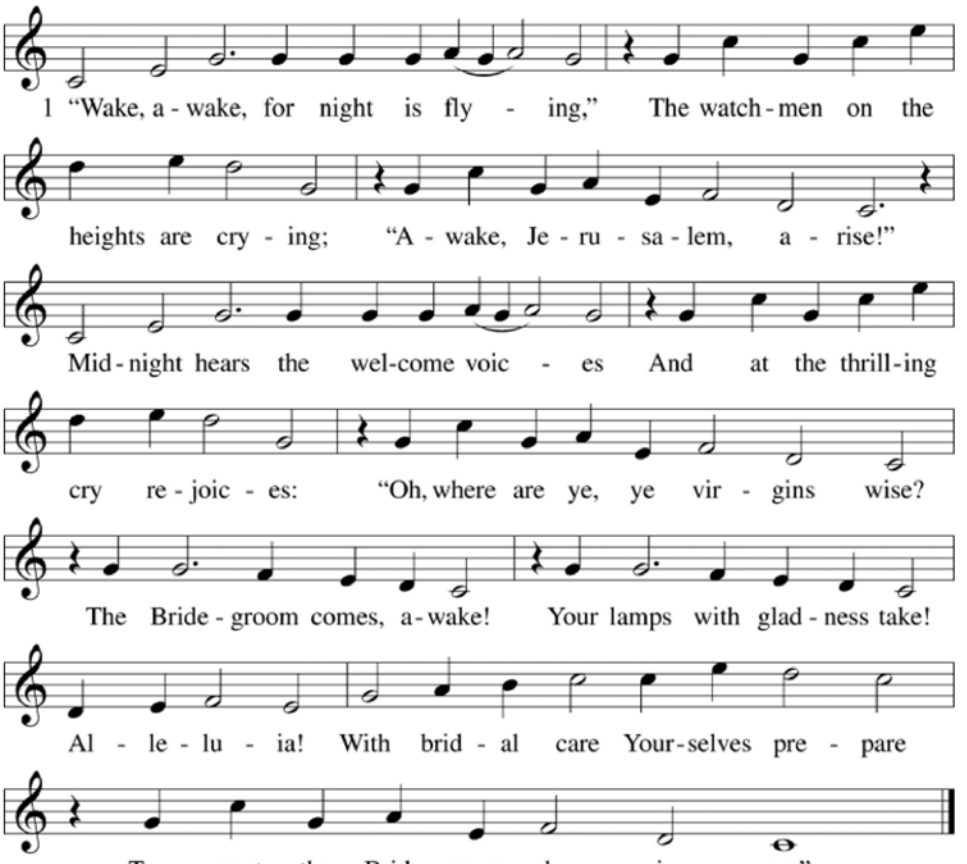
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE . . . . . ☩ 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4] But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5] For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6] So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7] For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

WE RISE TO THE GOSPEL (LSB# 516)



HOLY GOSPEL . . . . . ✣ Matthew 25:1–13

[1] [Jesus told the disciples,] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five
were wise. [3] For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the
wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, they all
became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8] And the
foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the
wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to
the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10] And while they were going to buy, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast,
and the door was shut. [11] Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open
to us.' [12] But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13] Watch therefore, for
you know neither the day nor the hour.'" (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.



HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LSB# 515

MESSAGE Matthew 25:1–13

Rev. Aaron Roggow

RESPONSE (Tune: LSB# 515)

Lord, keep us ever watchful
For Your Day of surprise,
As faithful ones obeying,
As people who are wise.
Each one prepares, in waiting,
Their oil for You are near;
And hearts in hope are longing
That Day when You appear!

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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.

Want to give electronically? Simply scan the QR code here:
For other giving options, see the end of this worship folder.

VOLUNTARY



The Prayers We Bring to God

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

PRAYERS for THIS DAY

(As prompted) *P: Lord, in Your mercy,*
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:9–13

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

A Foretaste of the Great Feast in Heaven

CHRIST'S WORDS ESTABLISH THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Institution
1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *Take, eat; this is ✠ My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.* In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: *Drink of it, all of you; this is ✠ My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*
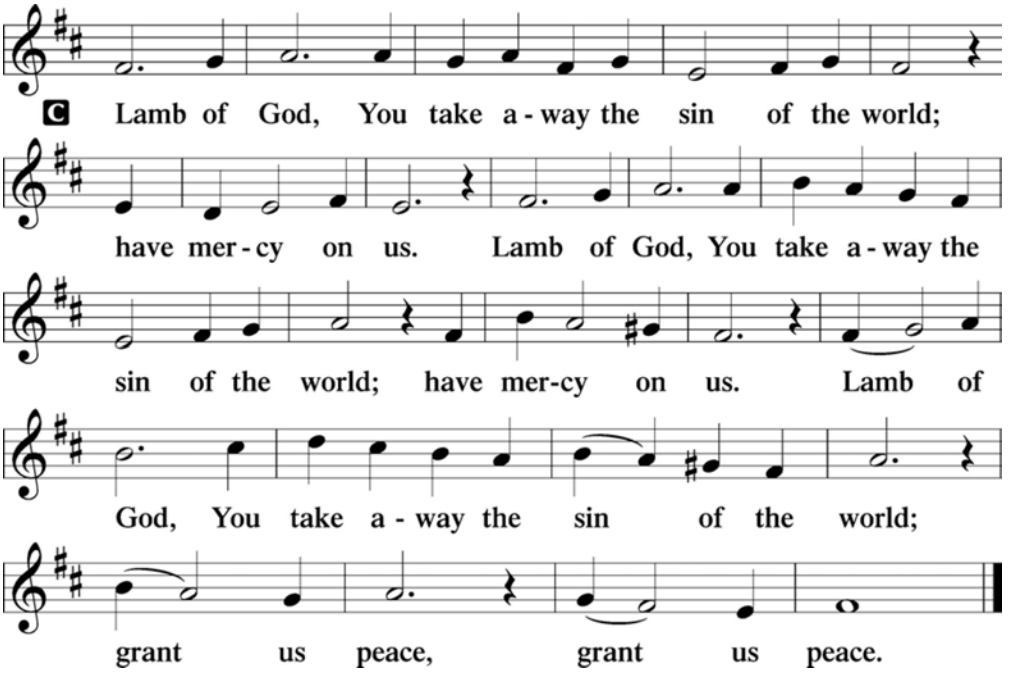
Sharing the Peace of Christ

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. 180)
John 1:29



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.*

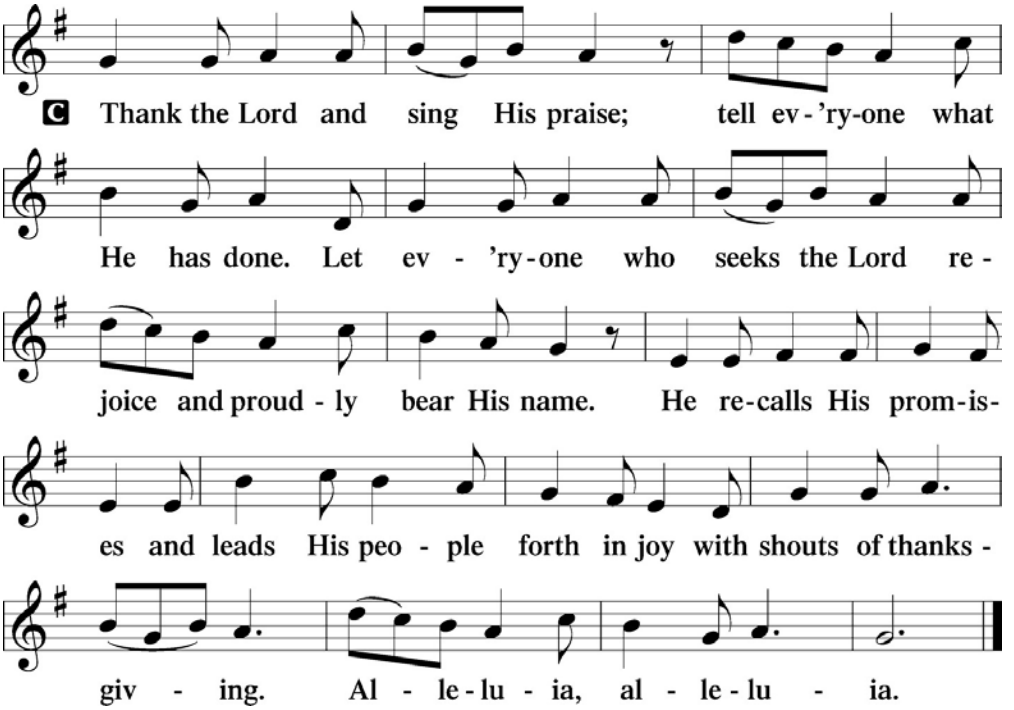
Hymns: "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" LSB# 636
"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" LSB# 514

WORDS OF PEACE AND JOY *Communicants' Dismissal*

P: Now may this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in ☩ peace!

C: Amen.

WE DEPART WITH THANKS AND PRAISE *Post-Communion Canticle*
(LSB pg. 181)



TAKING IT HOME Matthew 25:10,13 (ESV)

P: "'And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.'
C: Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 "Christ Is Surely Coming" LSB# 509
Stanzas 1, 3

POSTLUDE

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Our Worship Servants

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Ted Hopkins
Preacher: Rev. Aaron Roggow
Lay Reader: Adam Cieply
Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg
Greeters/Ushers: Fred & Laurie Metzger
Hospitality: Cindy Pine & Pat Winton
Elder: Michael Woon

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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

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

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

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!

Congregation Meeting this 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). Scan the QR code for meeting agenda and handouts.

Thanksgiving Worship - Thursday, Nov. 26 @ 10am (Downtown Campus)

Our Thanksgiving offerings this year will be given to Love Ypsilanti Mission and LCMS Puerto Rico Mission Foro. Scan the QR code to give now.

SPAA is Seeking a Business Manager

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School of Ann Arbor is accepting applications for a Business Manager. The purpose of this full-time position is to manage the infrastructure necessary to enable the ministry staff to function successfully. The Business Manager has three main areas of responsibility: Finances, Human Resources, and Facilities. For more information on education & skills required or to send in your resume for consideration please check the listing in your SPAA eNews or email businessmanager@stpaulannarbor.org.

Christmas Caring Trees are up!

Our Christmas Caring Trees are up at both our Earhart (School) and Liberty (Downtown) campuses. This is a wonderful opportunity for members and friends of our congregation to shine Jesus' love and show care and kindness to our community this Christmas season. Please prayerfully consider taking a tag (or two!) pick out a gift, and please bring it back unwrapped by November 29th. Let's pray that this effort fills hearts—both for those who give and those who receive—with the true JOY of Jesus.