



St. Paul
Ann Arbor

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



Welcome to Worship

January 19, 2025

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.

Sunday, January 19, 2025 (8:30 AM)

Welcome to our guests

**One church
with two
locations:**

Downtown Campus
420 W. Liberty St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Worship:
Saturdays @ 6:30pm
Sundays @ 8:30am

Discipleship Hour:
Sundays @ 9:45am

Earhart Campus
495 Earhart Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Worship:
Sundays @ 10:45am

Discipleship Hour:
Sundays @ 9:45am



We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us! To learn more about upcoming events and things happening at SPAA check out the back page of this worship folder or visit us online at www.stpaulannarbor.org. If you have any questions about St. Paul Ann Arbor or our worship, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers, greeters or anyone sitting around you. We would love to meet you and may God bless your worship today!

Discipleship Hour & Christ Connections

Join us for coffee, donuts, fellowship and Bible study for adults & children! Sundays at 9:45am. Adults meet in Fellowship Hall (lower-level) and children ages 3 through grade 5 meet in the lower-level preschool classrooms.

If you have children

We welcome and encourage small children in our worship services. We believe that they can learn to worship their Lord and Savior even at an early age. Children's clipboards are available at each entrance to our sanctuary. We also understand that they will at times behave as the young children they are. If your child becomes restless, a cry room is available at the rear of the church and a nursery is located at the foot of the narthex stairs. Our ushers will be happy to assist you

About Holy Communion

St. Paul is a confessional Lutheran congregation, sharing the beliefs and practices of the 5,900 member congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). Following the teaching of God's Word, we believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a mere symbol, but that Jesus offers us His true body and blood through the eating and drinking of the bread and wine in Communion. We recognize that the Lord's Supper is also an outward sign of our unity in the Apostles' teaching. It has been the practice since the very first years of the Christian Church, to welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who agree with the Apostolic doctrine, who have been baptized, and who are repentant for their sins. If you are a member of a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS, please do not hesitate to receive the Lord's Supper with us. However, if you are uncertain about the teaching of our church, our pastors would welcome an opportunity to speak with you about Communion.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL / WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing”



LSB# 409

WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF GOD

Invocation
Matthew 28:19b

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their 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

P: In His great mercy, God chose Israel as His servant-nation, from whom the Messiah would be born. And before we were born, He chose each of us to be in His kingdom and to carry the light of the Gospel to the whole world.

C: **Merciful Father, we have failed to appreciate all that You have done for us. We have been content to know that heaven is open to us, but it has been too easy to ignore the many who have not heard about Your Son. Forgive us.**

P: In His great mercy, God revealed His will for all people, calling them to love and good works in response to His steadfast love and faithfulness.

C: **Merciful Father, in our pride, we have followed our own desires and plans. We have disregarded Your will in our daily living, and at times have forgotten the sacrifice Your love made for us through Your Son, Jesus. Forgive us.**

P: In His great mercy, the Holy Spirit ensures that we are not lacking in any spiritual gift as we await our Lord's return.

C: **Merciful Father, we have not used Your gifts to build up the Church and to strengthen one another in the faith. Far too often we have stood by, while only a few did the work for the many. Forgive us.**

(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: We are called by God to shine with the light of Christ in our daily lives and in the various places where we live and work. God gives us every spiritual gift that proceeds from His Spirit that we might serve Him by shining with the light of Christ—whose obedient life and life-giving death has redeemed us. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, by His authority, and in His stead, I forgive you for all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis, alt.

(LSB# 948)



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Collect

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations and proclaiming Your great deeds. Enlighten those who teach and those who learn with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen!**

We Hear the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT † Psalm 71:14–23

L: I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.

C: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

L: With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

C: O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

L: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

C: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

L: You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

C: You will increase my greatness, and comfort me again.

L: I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

C: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. ¹¹ So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.” (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

WE RISE TO THE GOSPEL

Alleluia & Verse
(LSB pg. 156) John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL..... ✠ John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him." (ESV)


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

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN

“Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”

 LSB# 867

MESSAGE

“Serving Generations”
Rev. Aaron Roggow

Psalm 71:14–23

RESPONSE

(Tune: LSB# 867)

**Lord, keep us faithful in Your ways
From which our childhood grew;
Teaching Your truth, Your Words of Life
To generations new.**

**Now we proclaim Your wondrous deeds
And ever sing Your praise,
That all would know salvation’s song
To everlasting days!**

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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 worshiping with you in order that you might greet them following the service.

(For electronic and convenient giving options, see the end of this worship folder)

VOLUNTARY

The Prayers We Bring to God



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

PRAYERS for THIS DAY

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

PRAYER BEFORE THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: Blessed are You, almighty Father, eternal God, for from You all things have their life and being. You feed and sustain all that You have made, and especially do You grant us all that we need to support this body and life. For this we offer You our thanks and praise. But most of all, we worship You for the love You have revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior, who at Cana provided the good wine for a wedding banquet. Now He provides us the best wine—His precious blood, at this foretaste of His eternal wedding feast yet to come. Prepare the hearts of all who commune to receive Him in repentance and faith, and bring us all at last to Your heavenly home where we will praise You without end.

C: Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:9–13

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

A Foretaste of the Great Feast in Heaven



CHRIST'S WORDS ESTABLISH THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Institution
1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pax Domini
John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **Amen! The peace of Christ be with us all.**

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: Those who have not communed at St. Paul before should read the brief statement of our beliefs found at the beginning of our worship folder before coming forward. Our pastors would be happy to meet with you to discuss our beliefs further, and help prepare you for Communion. If you have not yet had opportunity to do so, please still come forward with your hands on your heart and receive a blessing!



Hymns: "What Is This Bread"
"Come, Join in Cana's Feast"
"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

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LSB# 408
LSB# 683

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. 164)



C 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.

TAKING IT HOME

Psalm 71:17–18 (ESV)

P: “O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me;

C: **Until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.”**

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

“O Word of God Incarnate”



(LSB# 523)



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - dian - ce That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

POSTLUDE



Our Worship Servants

Liturgist/Preacher: Rev. Aaron Roggow
Lay Reader: Chloe Braun
Director of Music: Dr. John Boonenberg
Family Worship Team: Tim & Barbara Adler
Hospitality: Julie Novak
Elder: Brent O'Banion

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Looking for different options to financially support the ministry of St. Paul through your regular offerings or one-time gifts?



Just text "GIVE" to **734-436-3634**

(This will also allow you to set up a recurring gift if you choose.)

Online: <https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/stpaulaa>



Mail checks to: St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Ann Arbor, MI 48103



For more giving information, go to: <https://www.stpaulannarbor.org/give/>

2024-2025 SPAA Attendance and Offering			
Month	Attendance	Offering	Budget
July	283	\$ 95,548.24	\$ 114,743.64
August	302	\$ 87,622.56	\$ 114,743.64
September	344	\$ 98,203.04	\$ 114,743.64
October	376	\$ 140,242.74	\$ 114,743.64
November	386	\$ 106,793.58	\$ 114,743.64
December	307	\$ 157,774.35	\$ 114,743.64
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
YTD	333	\$ 686,184.51	\$ 688,461.84

Annual Budget

\$1,376,923.63



News & Upcoming Events



Serving Generations - Building Campaign Commitment Sunday is Feb 9!

Did you miss the congregation meeting on Tuesday? It was very exciting as our congregation voted YES to moving forward with our Serving Generations Building Campaign! **Scan the QR code here to learn more about our Building Campaign** (our financial goals, detailed plans, giving options and downloadable commitment cards). *Over the next few weeks please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this exciting new chapter at St. Paul.* There are many ways you can contribute! We greatly need your prayers, pledged donations and we need campaign volunteers. **Commitment cards will be collected during worship the weekend of February 8th/9th.** Hard copies are available at all worship entrances. Questions? Contact campaign co-chairs Steve Kemp (kemp84@comcast.net) or Cindy Pine (cpine@pinemi.com).



St. Paul Spirit Wear Store – order by Jan 19th!

Didn't get everything on your Christmas list? Check out our SPAA spirit wear store and get some cool gear with our new SPAA logo! Scan the QR code for details.

Secret Sister



We are doing Secret Sister again for February – May of 2025! Secret Sisters is a ministry between you and another woman in our church family. You become her silent prayer partner and her secret encourager for 4 months. **If you'd like to participate, please scan the QR code and fill out the interest form before January 31** and you'll be given a secret sister to pray for and encourage for the next 4 months (and you'll also have someone praying for and encouraging you!) Questions? Contact Sandy Runstadler at tsrunstadler@gmail.com.

Walk in the Footsteps of Paul....with Pastor Neuendorf



Explore the ancient landscapes that Paul crossed as he preached and spread the gospel to the early believers of Christianity! This 11-day tour with 3-night Greek Isle cruise is scheduled for October 4-14, 2025. Tour cost is \$6,475, includes airfare, breakfast/dinner daily, lunches on cruise, some excursions, first class hotels and cabins, deluxe coaches, port fees, tickets, and some tips. Optional Turkey Extension adds \$2,069 per person. **Early bird deposits of \$500 by February 1st receive \$100 discount!** For more information or to register scan the QR code or go online at ittworld.com, code NeuendorfG25. Contact Carol Nelson for more information at nelsons83@hotmail.com or 734-646-8610.



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