

Jesus Asks Too Much

Mark 10:17-31

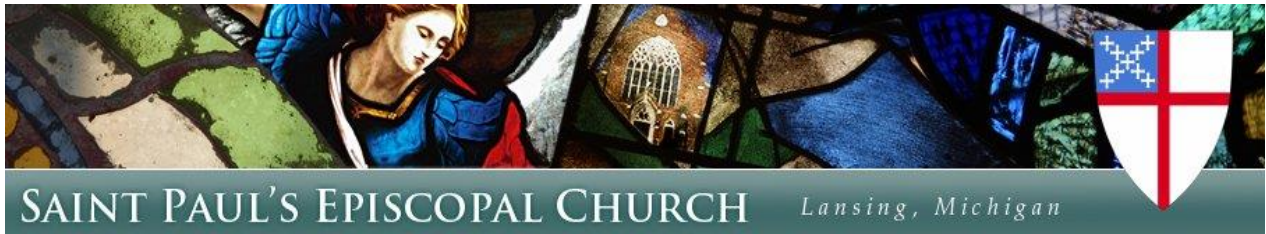
“Our Welcome”

In the light of God’s unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 2024 Holy Eucharist

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Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Closed on Fridays.

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THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - PROPER 23B
 HOLY EUCHARIST
 OCTOBER 13, 2024

PRELUDE

Communion

Louis Vierne

OPENING HYMN

All my hope on God is founded

HYMN 665



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 * 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
 4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
 Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Officiant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are invited to sit

Reader A Reading from the book of Job.

Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, and I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No, but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; if only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:1-15

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*
- and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;*
- by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,*
- enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you;*
- they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;*
- they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,*
- scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;*
- they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;*
- let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,*
- and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;*
- you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,*
- and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me;*
- strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me,*
- like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;*
- my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
- my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;*
- and you have laid me in the dust of the grave

Reader A reading from Hebrews.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

"Thy Kingdom come" on bended knee

HYMN 615

1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near;
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

Then, all standing, the clergyperson reads the Gospel, first saying

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions - and in this age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Kit Carlson

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Christ challenges our comforts and complacencies. Let us turn to him in our need, asking for God's intervention in our world.

For the victims of war, conflict, and violence throughout the world, that they might encounter justice and peace, participating in the reign of God, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Michael our presiding bishop, Sean our presiding bishop-elect, Bonnie our bishop, and for all churches and their leaders, that the dominion of God might be proclaimed in action as well as in word, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the lost, the lonely, the isolated, the refugee, and the ill, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud _____; that they might receive blessings a hundredfold, leading to eternal life, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this community gathered in prayer, that we might gain riches by giving ours to others, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the campus ministry at MSU and its missioner, that we might support their faith journeys with our prayers and resources, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For families, friends and the many blessings we have received, that we might give thanks for the many gifts of God, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those running for office, that they might govern with honesty, integrity and justice, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, that they may rest in the presence of God, sharing in the eternal banquet, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

God, source of life and fountain of mercy, all things are possible with you. Grant us a share in your eternal life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Then the Officiant and people say together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Officiant says to the people,

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Be Our Seed
Chris Wheeler, oboe

Carl Schalk

OFFERTORY HYMN

O for a closer walk with God

HYMN 684

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heaven - ly frame,
 2 Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
 3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;
 4 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
 5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

1 a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 2 Where is the soul - re - fresh - ing view of Je - sus and his word?
 3 I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
 4 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 5 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800), alt. Music: *Caithness*, from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: *(the People say together)*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The people stand or kneel as the Officiant continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

S155

The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION

Officiant The gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available: please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.

Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.

Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

David Schelat

COMMUNION HYMN

All who hunger

HYMN VF87

1 All who hun-ger gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Officiant and People say together:

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

God's Blessing be with you,
 Christ's peace be with you,
 The Spirit's outpouring be with you,
 now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

O God, our help in ages past

HYMN 680

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight arc like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Declare His Glory

Mary McDonald

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Jim Milne
Subdeacon	Jen Humphries
Lector	Larry Clark
Prayers of the People	Margaret Schulte
Chalice Bearers	Jen Humphries, Greg Wortley
Counters	Martha McKee, Margaret Schulte
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Nancy Merriman (co-chair), Jane Bryce, Theresa Milne, Sue Le Duc
Ushers	Joseph Lehning, Michael Hart, Mark Rudd
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	
Recycling Team	Bob Merriman
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Justin Alexander
Vestry Person of the Day	David Parks

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting next Sunday, October 20, 2024

Crucifer	Greg Wortley
Subdeacon	Amy Wortley
Lector	Nancy Rudd
Prayers of the People	Martha Seaman McKee
Chalice Bearers	Leslie Hall, Amy Wortley
Counters	Larry Clark, Leslie Hall
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro
Ushers	John Nevin, Jack Baker, Bob Merriman, Laurie Nevin
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	
Recycling Team	Carol Thomas
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Melissa Blood
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Opportunities for Prayer
October 13, 2024

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Joanne, Mike, Melissa, Tom, Sarah, Heather, Sebastian, Peter, Natalie, Julie, Mark, Chris, Bill, and Robin. **Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: Rich & Vicki Bellon and MaryLea Benson.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Alcoholics Anonymous, 1915 E Michigan Ave, Ste D, Lansing, MI 48912

We pray for our downtown church community: Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

We pray for our worshiping communities: Christ Church, Grosse Pointe; Good Samaritan, San Francisco, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Phillipines.

We pray for: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael B. Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Donna McNiel, our associate for liturgy and pastoral care; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

**Announcements for the Week of
October 13, 2024 - October 19, 2024**

Canterbury MSU is hosting dinner this semester! Would you like to feed our student leaders on a Thursday evening? We need a main dish we can reheat in a microwave, slow cooker, or toaster oven plus a salad or side, for 6 - 8 people. Meals can be dropped off at Canterbury (225 MAC) on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. Contact the Rev. Donna McNeil at canterburymSU@gmail.com, for all the details, or go to the Sign Up link: <https://bit.ly/FeedCanterburyMSU>

Mission & Outreach: Can you help us stock the pantry at Ronald McDonald House? We're gathering laundry detergent, dishwasher detergent, paper plates and bowls, kitchen towels (beige/off-white) pillow protectors, microwave popcorn. Please leave the items in the shopping cart. We'll be concentrating on Ronald McDonald House during the month of October. We will also continue supporting the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry with toilet paper and Fretail with gently used clothing. Thank you so much!

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification: Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding classes in October & November in the Choir Room from 10am-3pm. This class is for anyone who wants to be certified/re-certified in adult and/or pediatric First Aid or CPR/AED. Please check the schedule and sign up in the Merrifield Room. Questions? Please contact John David Hawkins h012T@comcast.net.

Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours: All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. Regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

Wednesday Noon Zoom Book Study will be October 16th. Our book for the month of October is *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan. This is the tale of a simple act of faith between two young people - one Israeli, one Palestinian - that symbolizes the hope for peace in the Middle East. *The Lemon Tree* grew out of a forty-three-minute radio documentary that Sandy Tolan produced for Fresh Air. With this book, he pursues the story into the homes and histories of the two families at its center, and up to the present day. Their stories form a personal microcosm of the last seventy years of Israeli-Palestinian history. In a region that seems ever more divided, *The Lemon Tree* is a reminder of all that is at stake, and of all that is still possible.

Faith & Film, Oct. 25th: Come celebrate Halloween and The Day of the Dead as we explore the animated Pixar movie "Coco." This Academy-Award-winning film tells the story of a family rich with tradition. Young and budding musician Miguel, however, finds himself at odds with these traditions as one of them prohibits music of any kind in their household. Miguel's journey to explore both his family's past and his innate talent leads him on an adventure that seamlessly blends themes of music and memory as well as faith and family. We will be watching this family-friendly film in its entirety during our session together, so please come ready to engage with this fascinating tale of what it means to chase your dreams while remembering those who paved the way before us.

United Thank Offering, Sunday, October 27th: Through daily prayer and tangible offerings, lives are changed in very real ways. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's and note UTO in the memo line.

Presiding Bishop Installation Watch Party, Saturday, November 2nd: Join us for continental breakfast and a watch party for the installation of Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe at 10:30am. There is a signup sheet in the Merrifield room

All Souls Party on November 3rd: Let's celebrate the Saints on November 3rd during the coffee hour. Be prepared to have fun with activities, games and tasty treats. Wear your church-appropriate costumes if you like. Prizes for those who dress as their favorite saint!

Grateful Gathering Dinner, November 26th at 6:15pm. Our good friends from the Nokomis Cultural Center will be joining us. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room. We ask you to bring your favorite dessert to share.

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to office@stpaulslansing.org to ensure accuracy.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.
The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm on Zoom. The service will be posted on the St. Paul's Facebook page after being recorded. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

Recycle ink cartridges: Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

St. Paul's Recycling: Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

Reminder: Please schedule all meetings with the office in advance. We want to assure you that there is a space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

Altar flower requests: There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **\$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers. If we don't have \$120 (\$60 for the summer) per week for flowers, there will be no flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org.

Coffee Hour sign up: We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

Please sign up to be a Greeter: One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

Contributions Last Week: For the week of October 6, 2024, St. Paul's received **\$6,439** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$3,155
Operating Income	\$1,095
Caterer Rent	\$1,600
Memorial Restricted	\$300
Music Program Restricted	\$160
Noisy Offering	\$88
Loose Offering	\$41

<p>This Week at St. Paul's October 13, 2024 - October 20, 2024</p>

Sunday, 10/13:		Karen Lewis Away
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
Monday 10/14:		Karen Lewis Away Indigenous People's Day - Office Closed
Tuesday, 10/15:		Karen Lewis Away
Wednesday, 10/16:		Karen Lewis Away
	12:00pm	Noon Book Study - Zoom (The Lemon Tree)
	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 10/17:		Karen Lewis Away No Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 10/18:		Karen Lewis Away/Donna McNiel Away EDOMI Convention Office Closed
Saturday, 10/19:		Karen Lewis Away/Donna McNiel Away EDOMI Convention
Sunday, 10/20:		Karen Lewis Away
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for PWL
	12:00pm	Drumming Session - Sanctuary

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