

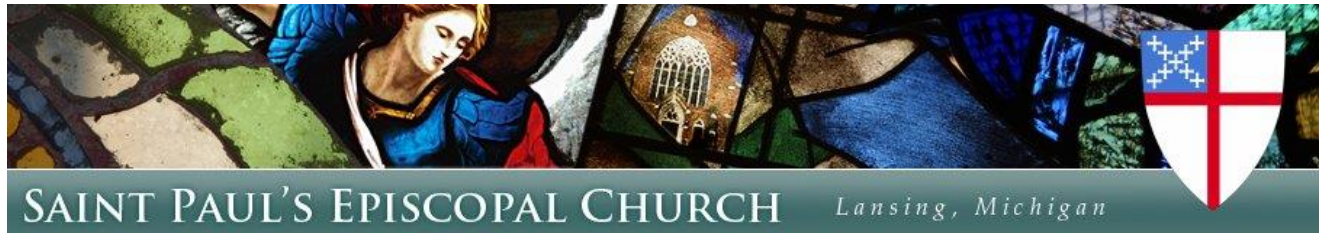
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### **The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – February 16, 2025 Holy Eucharist – Rite II**

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 16, 2025

PRELUDE

*Duke Street*

Wilbur Held

OPENING HYMN

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

HYMN 544

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

Officiant  
People

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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in

keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are invited to sit for the readings*

THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 17:5-10

*Reader* A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,\*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord,\*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;\*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked,\*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,\*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

*Reader* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_

*Final Ending*

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.  
 Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 6:17-26

*Then, all standing, the clergy person reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

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

The good news of Jesus Christ fills us with joy; and as children of our living God we turn to the Lord in prayer.

God's word declares blessed are those who trust in the Lord. May we be people who trust in God, bearing fruit for God in lives of integrity. We pray for Sean our presiding bishop and Bonnie our bishop and for the church in the world. **Lord, hear us.**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruit of those who have fallen asleep. May we be renewed in our faith in the risen Christ and live as people of hope, trusting in God's promise of eternal life. **Lord, hear us.**

The Beatitudes of Jesus teach us what is of value in life. May we be more and more convinced of his teaching and committed to live by his way. **Lord, hear us.**

Holy One, in Jesus you touched the troubled and the unclean. Reach out and touch all who are troubled, ill or in need of your presence especially those on our parish prayer list and those we name now either silently in our hearts or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. Heal our diseases. Remove the evil spirit of racism. May our lives extend your healing hand to all the world. **Lord, hear us.**

In thanksgiving we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. That we, like them, may remain faithful to the end and live forever in the light of your eternal glory. **Lord, hear us.**

*The Officiant concludes the prayers saying*

Loving God, hear the prayers of your faithful people, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done and your name glorified, 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*

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

*Have You Heard God's Voice?*

Frederick Chatfield



1 God, cre - a - tor, source of heal - ing here we  
 2 Je - sus, known to friend and seek - er ex - er -  
 3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, bring us whole-ness, come with  
 4 Tri - ni - ty of awe and won - der yours the

pray for whole-ness and health. Guide our work, our  
 cis - ing heal - er's art, may the strong sup -  
 your trans - form - ing love; give us free - dom,  
 glo - ry, yours the praise. Strike our bind - ing

thoughts, and feel - ing, guide the shar - ing of our wealth.  
 port the weak-er show - ing love with head and heart;  
 hope and bold-ness, raise our eyes to see from a - bove;  
 chains a - sun - der, lib - er - ate our cramp - ing ways.

Give dis - cern - ment in our de - ci - sions give com -  
 give fresh en - er - gy and pur - pose when un -  
 shape our sys - tems, in - sti - tu - tions, clar - i -  
 May our lives re - flect your splend-our, in a -

pas - sion in our care; rec - on - cile our  
 rea - son - ing blocks your grace, spare us harm, in  
 fy our blind - ed sight, as we seek God -  
 bun - dance Lord we ask. God, our guide and

strife and di - vi - sions as we search for means to share.  
 dan - ger a - lert us, show the ra - diance of your face.  
 giv - en so - lu - tions, help us greet the just and right.  
 our be - friend-er, give new mean - ing to our task.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

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

*The Officiant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*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.

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*The people stand or kneel, as the Officiant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Officiant and people say together*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Officiant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.**

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S155

*The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
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.

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## THE INVITATION

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

## COMMUNION

*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.*

*An 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 safeguards 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.*

*After you have received communion and returned to your seat, you are invited to silently offer the following prayer or another of your choosing to God. Remember that others are still receiving communion and your quietness will assist in this most holy experience.*

*Gracious God, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*What Shall I Render to the Lord*

William Knapp

COMMUNION HYMN

*Come, Risen Lord*

HYMN 305

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;  
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People say together*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING *The People stand for the blessing*

May the peace of God which surpasses all our understanding keep your heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God and God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

*We will extol you*

HYMN 404

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly  
 2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the  
 3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our  
 won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with  
 chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all  
 joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we  
 mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.  
 wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.  
 find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

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DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Fuga*

Dietrich Buxtehude

**Assisting in Today's Service**

Crucifer	Amy Wortley
Subdeacon	Greg Wortley
Lector	Jim Milne
Prayers of the People	Amanda Ross
Chalice Bearers	Amy Wortley, Greg Wortley
Counters	Leslie Hall, Margaret Schulte
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro
Ushers	John Nevin, Jack Baker, Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Bob Merriman
Coffee Hour	Parks Family
Greeters	Marilyn Earley
Blessing Box	John David Hawkins
Recycling Team	Bob Merriman
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Allan Boron
Vestry Person of the Day	Andrej Walilko

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**Assisting next Sunday, February 23, 2025**

Crucifer	Jim Milne
Subdeacon	Leslie Hall
Lector	Brad Deacon
Prayers of the People	AJ Walilko
Chalice Bearers	Justin Alexander, Debbie Parks
Counters	Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Carol Thomas
Ushers	Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko
Coffee Hour	Walilko Family
Greeters	
Blessing Box	Martha McKee
Recycling Team	PPP - Teresa Barcy
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany,
Vestry Person of the Day	Larry Clark

**Opportunities for Prayer**  
**February 16, 2025**

**We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:** Joanne, Melissa, Tom, Sarah, Heather, Sebastian, Peter, Natalie, Julie, Mark, Chris, Bill, Robin, Samantha, and Leigh. *\*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:** Dan & Barb Heany, and Susan Henderson.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** Resolution Services Center (Mediation), 516 S Creyts Rd, Lansing, MI.

**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 worshipping communities:** St. Aidan's, Ann Arbor; St. Aidan's, Michigan Center; St. Stephen's, San Pedro, DR.

**We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Church of Bangladesh.

**We pray for:** Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; 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 McNeil, 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**  
**February 16, 2025 - February 23, 2025**

**Canterbury MSU is hosting dinner again this semester!** Would you like to feed our student leaders on a Thursday evening? We need a main dish that 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](mailto:canterburymSU@gmail.com), for all the details, or go to the Sign Up link: <https://bit.ly/FeedCanterburyMSU>

**Lenten Book Study at Coffee Hour:** March 16, 23, 30 *James* by Percival Everett. Sign up to attend the class at coffee hour and indicate if you wish a copy of the book. The cost is \$18.00. Scholarship money is available to assist with the cost of the book.

**Lenten Series - *The Invisible Oft-Forgotten Person of the Trinity*:** begins Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> for four weeks via Zoom. You will need to sign up to receive the Zoom link for attendance.

**Faith and Film on February 28th:** Join us at 6:30pm to watch ET presented by Carol Thomas and Susan Henderson. Sign up!

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

**Blessing Box:** Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.



**An Afternoon with Kitty Donohoe - Save the Date:** Ann Arbor based Singer, Songwriter and Author Kitty Donohoe, will perform a free concert at St. Paul's on **Saturday, March 8th at 4:00pm**. Kitty has wonderful music and stories to tell drawn from her Irish heritage and American roots. Kitty is an Emmy recipient for her heartfelt song "There Are No Words" written after the 911 tragedy. Her performance at the 911 Memorial Dedication is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtkC9Dx5JxI>.

**Lent Madness 2025:** This year's lineup of saintly souls features 32 inspiring saints, both known and unknown, to accompany us on our penitential journey. Only one of these saints will emerge with the coveted 2025 Golden Halo.

The full bracket is online at the Lent Madness website <http://www.lentmadness.org> and, *The Sainly Scorecard: The Definitive Guide to Lent Madness 2025 is available on the signup table in the Merrifield Room*. This companion guide includes biographies of all 32 saints, a full-color bracket, and information about how to participate.

If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ?

**Return your completed bracket to Theresa Milne before play begins on March 6th.**

**Mission and Outreach:** A big thank you to all who made and bought soup last week. It was a huge success. St. Paul's will match your contributions to the First Presbyterian Food Bank. Mark your calendar. March 8th at 8:00am is our annual bed build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Sign up in the Merrifield Room. Today is Community Drumming. Please consider joining us after coffee hour. We tried something different with Punks with Lunch prep. Some of us came before church and made 20 PB&J sandwiches ahead of time. It only takes 20 minutes, and it makes the process after church so much faster. Can you help us next week? May God bless our efforts to reach out to our community in love.

**The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm** on Zoom with The Very Rev. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul's Facebook page. 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.

**Our Noisy Offering recipient for January - June 2025 is Capital Area Humane Society:** CAHS is a nonprofit shelter that relies on volunteers and donations to provide protection and placement for companion animals. Last year they found homes for 1,783 and they spayed/neutered 5,699 pets. The Noisy Offering is collected on the first Sunday of the month.

**In case of inclement weather** during the winter months, please call the office at 482-9454 after 11:00am to check on cancellations. If you receive a recording stating the office is closed, then all events for that day are cancelled. If the Lansing School District is closed, all church events for that day will be cancelled.

**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.

**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.

**Reminder: Please schedule all meetings (in-person and online) 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. For online meetings, we want meetings to be available to all parishioners. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to [office@stpaulslansing.org](mailto:office@stpaulslansing.org).

**Contributions Last Week:** For the week of February 2, 2025, St. Paul's received **\$13,887** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	<b>\$3,070</b>
Operating Income	<b>\$100</b>
Loose Offering	<b>\$2</b>
Misc-Souper Bowl	<b>\$415</b>
Memorial Restricted	<b>\$300</b>
Capital Campaign Restricted	<b>\$10,000</b>

<p><b>This Week at St. Paul's</b>  <b>February 16, 2025 - February 23, 2025</b></p>
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Sunday, 02/16:		Katie Alexander Away D'Kwon Guerrero Away in Afternoon
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	12:00pm	Drumming Session - Sanctuary
Monday 02/17:		Office Closed - Presidents Day
Tuesday, 02/18:		Karen Lewis Away
Wednesday, 02/19:		Karen Lewis Away
	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 02/20:		Karen Lewis Away
	7:00am	Men's Breakfast - Flap Jack Restaurant
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 02/21:		Karen Lewis Away Office Closed
Saturday, 02/22:		Karen Lewis Away
Sunday, 02/23:		Karen Lewis Away
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch

**QR Code for giving. Scan the code with your phone to be taken to options for giving.**

