

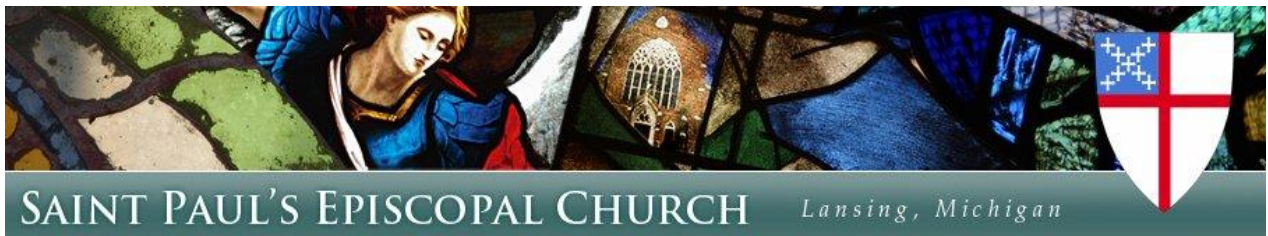
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The Second Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist -- April 27, 2025

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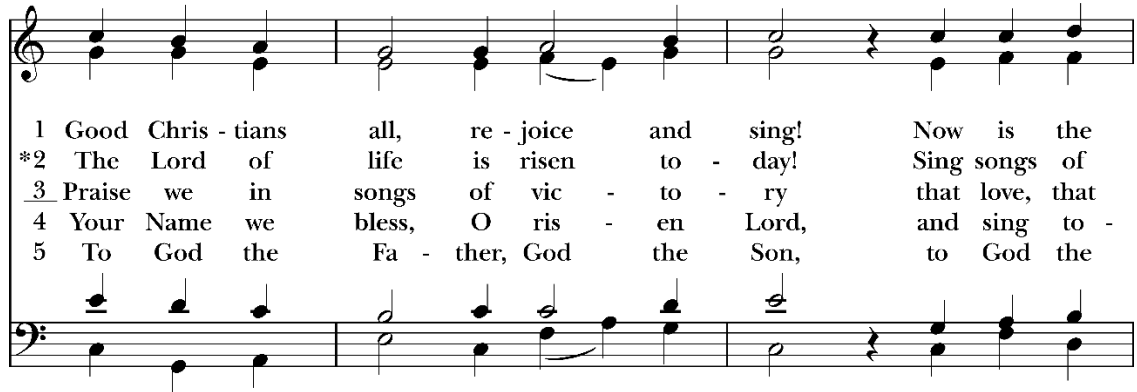
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PRELUDE

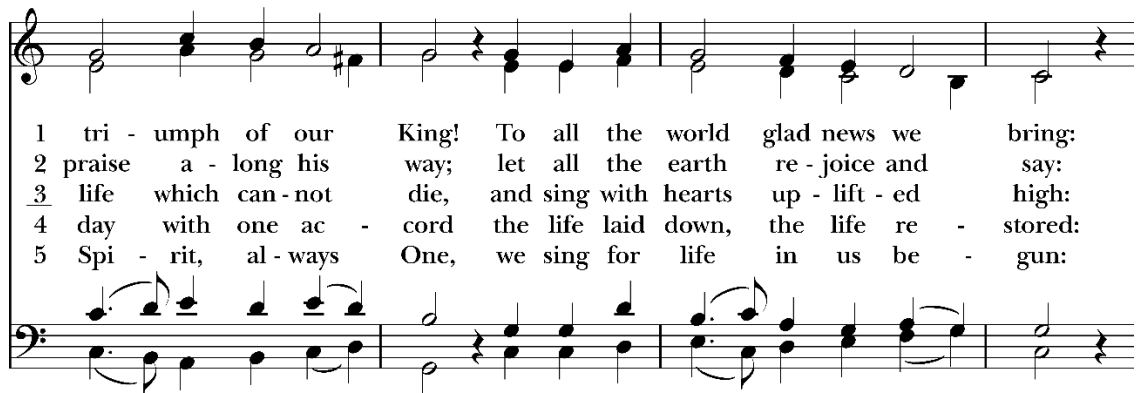
OPENING HYMN

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

HYMN 205



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

The people sing together

GLORIA

S278

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The people are invited to sit for the readings and the psalm

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 5:27-32

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

PSALM 118:14-29

14 The Lord is my strength and my song,*
 and he has become my salvation.
15 There is a sound of exultation and victory*
 in the tents of the righteous:
16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!*
 the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
 the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
17 I shall not die, but live,*
 and declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord has punished me sorely,*
 but he did not hand me over to death.
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;*
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20 "This is the gate of the Lord;*
 he who is righteous may enter."
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me*
 and have become my salvation.
22 The same stone which the builders rejected*
 has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord's doing,*

- and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 On this day the Lord has acted;*
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Hosanna, Lord, hosanna!*
Lord, send us now success.
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;*
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;*
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
28 "You are my God, and I will thank you;*
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;*
his mercy endures for ever.

SECOND LESSON

REVELATION 1:4-8

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Descant

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

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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

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

When it was evening of the day of Resurrection, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Donna McNiel

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**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

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." God's word fills our hearts at this Easter time. With confidence and joy, we turn to the Lord for what we need in the community and in the church.

The first Christians trusted God's promises to add to their number each day. May we too be confident in God's care, and, by our concern for the sick and the outcast, witness to God's love for all people. We pray for all who are disabled or struggling with illness, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud _____. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Like John on the island of Patmos, who was called to preach God's word and witness to Jesus, may we never lose hope in following the gospel but confess our faith always in the Living One of God. We pray for Sean our presiding bishop and Bonnie, our bishop, and for all ministers of the word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God's gift of forgiveness has been poured out on the community that is called the church. May each of us be filled with the Holy Spirit, forgiving one another as God has forgiven us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus' gift of peace filled the disciples and gave them new strength for their mission. May we be filled with the peace that is given to those who confess Jesus as "my Lord and my God." Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God's gift of life after death, gives all hope for the coming of the kingdom and the gathering of the saints around the throne. We pray for all who have died and for those who mourn. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief, and hear us for the sake of the one who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, even Jesus Christ, the first and the last, the living one, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

Lift Up Your Voice and Sing

Handel arr. Hopson

OFFERTORY HYMN

We walk by faith, and not by sight

HYMN 209

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed.**
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Officiant Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise, for on this day creation sings, Christ is risen from the dead! He has burst forth from the tomb to break the tangles of despair and death. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. Love is come again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

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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All embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, the risen Lord of life, who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new. He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed, then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love. Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death, we see the destiny of every hope in you.

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

We thank you that 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and our lives in thanks and praise. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth, that we may proclaim the good news to all the world and rise together as children of your new creation. Then bring us to that new heaven here on earth, O God, where death and pain are no more and you dwell with us forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise. **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, 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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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

Bread of Heaven
Hannah Bancroft, soloist

Karen Marrolli

COMMUNION HYMN

I am the bread of life

HYMN 335



1	I	am	the	bread	of	life;_____	they	who
2 (The)	Bread	that_____	I	will	give_____	is	my	
3 (Un-)	less_____		you	eat_____	of	the		
4	I	am	the	re -	sur -	rec -	tion,	_____
5 (Yes,)	Lord,	_____	we	be -	lieve_____	that_____		



1	come	to	me	shall	not_____	hun -	ger;	they	who	be -
2	Flesh	for	the	life	of	the	world,_____	and	they	who
3	Flesh	of	the	Son	of_____	Man_____		and_____		
4	I	_____	am	the	_____	life._____	They	who	be -	
5	you	_____	are	the	_____	Christ,_____		the	_____	



1	lieve	in	me	shall	not	thirst.	No	one	can	come	to
2	eat_____	of	this	bread,			they	shall_____	live	for	
3	drink_____	of	his	Blood,	you		shall	not	have	life	with -
4	lieve_____	in	me,				e -	ven_____	if	they	
5	Son_____	of	God				who_____		has		



1	me_____	un -	less	the_____	Fa -	ther	draw	them.
2	ev -	er._____	they	shall_____	live	for	ev -	er.
3	in	you.	you	shall	not	have	life	with -
4	die,_____		they	shall_____	live	for	ev -	er.
5	come_____	in -	to_____	the_____			world._____	

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

1-4 Final Ending

2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes,
(z)

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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Officiant and People say together:

Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead.

Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us.

Live the good news: we are free to love as he has loved us.

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

That Easter day with joy was bright

HYMN 193



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
 And in memory of Joanne Boulton
 By Jim Boulton and the family.*

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Subdeacon	Jen Humphries
Lector	Jim Milne
Prayers of the People	Nancy Rudd
Chalice Bearers	Theresa Milne, Greg Wortley
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Carol Thomas
Ushers	Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko
Coffee Hour	Gloria Sutton & Carol Thomas
Greeters	
Blessing Box	Stephanie Gewirtz
Recycling Team	Josh & Carrie Freeman
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Ree Huber
Vestry Person of the Day	Jim Milne

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Assisting Next Sunday, May 4, 2025

Crucifer	Marti Narezo
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	Brad Deacon
Prayers of the People	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Chalice Bearers	Debbie Parks, Amy Wortley
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<p style="text-align: center;">Opportunities for Prayer April 27, 2025</p>

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Tom, Sarah, Heather, Sebastian, Peter, Natalie, Julie, Bill, Robin, Samantha, Leigh, and Everett. **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 Magee, and Marilyn Maloney.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Elder Law of Michigan, 3815 W St. Joseph St, Ste C200, Lansing 48917.

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: All Saints', Brooklyn; St. Michael's & All Angels, Cambridge Junction/Onsted; St. John the Baptist, Bonao, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

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 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
April 27, 2025 – May 4, 2025

Donna's last Sunday with St. Paul's is May 11th: Mark your calendars for a special coffee hour to thank her for her ministry at St. Paul's. Donna is headed out west to be priest-in-charge at St. Peter's in Carson City, NV. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Donna, please send a check to the office made out to St. Paul's with "Donna McNiel" in the memo line.

Noisy Offering Recipient for April - June is Loaves and Fishes Ministries: Loaves and Fishes Ministries was established in the spring of 1981 as a short-term overnight homeless shelter. The founding group was guided by the lives and ministries of Mother Teresa, Gandhi and Jesus and their message of demonstrating God's love through service. Today Loaves & Fishes Ministries provides short-term emergency and long-term transitional housing, advocacy and support services for homeless adults and children in a caring Christian environment.

Eucharistic Visitors, today: It is time for a training/ refresher of our Eucharistic Visitors! These are licensed parishioners who visit those who are sick and take communion to those who cannot come to church. One of our privileges in the Body of Christ is visiting one another when we need support. If you would like to learn more about this ministry or join the team, plan to join us in the VanAtta Room today after the service at 11:30am. This is a simple but important ministry and only takes an hour or two a month. If you have questions call or email Donna+ at canterburysu@gmail.com / 517-366-1342.

Faith and Film: On Friday, May 2nd at 6:30pm we will discuss one of the greatest cinematic sequels of all time: The Empire Strikes Back. Like our discussion of the original 1977 film Star Wars that we did in 2023, this conversation will involve looking at both the stellar soundtrack by composer John Williams as well as ways in which faith and spirituality as reflected in the story. While we will not be watching the film in its entirety during this session, context will be provided for the scenes we dive into, but feel free to watch the film on your own prior to our discussion if you haven't already. Celebrate Star Wars Day with an in-depth look at this incredible film and its soundtrack!

Spring Clean Up: Please join us for a morning of spring cleanup in the yards and Memorial Garden of St. Paul's on Saturday, May 10th from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Bring your rakes and yard tools and enjoy some donuts and coffee while you're here. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week at St. Paul's April 27, 2025 - May 3, 2025</p>

Sunday, 04/27:	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:30am	Eucharistic Visitors Meeting – Hill Room
Monday 04/28:		
Tuesday, 04/29:		
Wednesday, 04/30:	7:00pm	Bible Study – Zoom
	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 05/01:		Theresa Milne Away
	9:30am	Delau checking kitchen fire suppression
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 05/02:		Office Closed
	6:30pm	Faith & Film – Merrifield Room (<i>Star Wars The Empire Strikes Back</i>)
Saturday, 05/03:		
Sunday, 05/04:		Noisy Offering
	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