



"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 Second Sunday in Lent --- March 1, 2026
Holy Eucharist 10:00 am



St. Paul's Staff: : The Rev. Karen C. Lewis, Rector; The Rev. Canon Dr. W. Richard Hamlin, Priest Associate; The Very Rev. Gail Shafer, Priest Associate; Ms. Stephanie Gewirtz, Minister of Music; Ms. Theresa Milne, Parish Administrator; Ms. Barbara Heany, Sunday School Director; Ms. Katie Alexander, Nursery Attendant; Mr. D'Kwon Guerrero, Sexton/Custodian; Mr. Conrad Moyer, A/V Technician.

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Visitors and Guests: Please fill out a visitor card and give it to an usher or place it in the offering box. As you are leaving, we would like you to take a moment to sign one of the guest books located by the church doorways.

Opportunities for Worship – Sundays: 10:00am

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

Closed on Fridays.

Phone: 517-482-9454 E-mail: office@stpaulslansing.org

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For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield Room.

Baptism or Marriage: If you would like more information, please contact the Rector at 482-9454 or by email: rector@stpaulslansing.org.

Church School: Our church school for elementary through middle school begins at 9:45am. If you would like more information, please speak to Barb Heany.

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT -- HOLY EUCHARIST
MARCH 1, 2026

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love is This

Albert Zabel

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Creator, you made all people of every land. Today, we honor the ancestral and traditional Lands of the Anishinaabeg, the Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi people, whose home this land was for hundreds of years, and who are still here today. As we make this land acknowledgement, we confess to our part in the sin of traumatic, systemic racism and oppression in the history of this nation and in the Church--a history we are only beginning to understand. With humility, we commit ourselves to acknowledging the wrongs of the past and to building relationships with the Anishinaabeg. **Amen.**

SILENT PROCESSION

The People prepare in silence for the service to begin

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The people assume a prayerful position

THE DECALOGUE

The Officiant says

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Officiant then says

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept, then the Minister 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 your Son 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 Officiant stands and says

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

TRISAGION *Sung 3 times*

S102

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto clef, and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto clef, and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us."

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are invited to sit

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 12:1-4a

Reader A reading from Genesis

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;*
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,*
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel*
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you;*
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,*
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;*
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,*
from this time forth for evermore.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also

to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Please stand for the singing of the Gradual

GRADUAL HYMN

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

HYMN 635

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 3:1-17

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

After the sermon, all stand

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

Let us come before God in this Lententide, praising and blessing and adoring our ever living God.

Lord, preserve Sally the archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding bishop, Bonnie our bishop, and your Church from all evil. May we, who have been born of water and the Spirit, proclaim the kingdom of God in all the world. Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**

O God, may the leaders of the nations ever seek the truth. Open their hearts to true conversion and divine guidance. Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**

Maker of heaven and earth, you have blessed us with a wondrous and dynamic creation. Protect us from its rage as we pray for the people in the Middle East and other areas of conflict; comfort us by its tranquility. Give us eyes to see your handiwork in the world around us. Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**

Lord, your eyes never close on your people. We thank you for your mindfulness of us and our community. Be our help and our safety. Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**

You did not send your Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world may see and experience your salvation. Bring wholeness to those who look to your Son for help and healing. We remember especially the hungry and lonely; the refugee and the homeless; those struggling with illness; those on our parish prayer list, and those we now name either silently or aloud _____. Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**

O God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist, keep the dying and the dead from this time forth and for evermore. Give eternal life to all those who trust in you. Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

God, whose ways are beyond our knowing or approving, place the world's troubles ever in our plain sight. In these forty days teach us to do the work of our baptism and so daily to raise to you the needs of the world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People stand to share the peace

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

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Jeff Kressler

OFFERTORY HYMN

My faith looks up to thee

HYMN 691

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
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 our thanks and praise.**

The Officiant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and established an everlasting covenant with every living creature upon the earth.

When we abandoned your covenant, you led your prophet Elijah to your mountain, where, as he fasted forty days and forty nights, he heard your still small voice. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS

S124

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

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Then the Officiant continues while the people stand, sit or kneel

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights in preparation for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the disciples during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the Paschal feast of your Son's death and resurrection, you lead us to repentance for our sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to renew the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said; "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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THE 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 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 it directly from the cup. The chalice bearer will wipe the space from which you drank prior to the next person.

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

O Sacred and Holy Feast

Remondi ed. Flynn

COMMUNION HYMN

This is the hour of banquet and of song

HYMN 316

1 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;
 3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
 yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,
 here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the
 the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou
 giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the
 brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
 still art here with us— our Shield and Sun.
 Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), alt. Music: *Canticum refectionis*, David McKinley Williams (1887-1978). Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The People say together

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Officiant Bow down before the Lord.

The people bow their heads.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

AT THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Marti Narezo
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	Elisabeth Richardson
Prayers of the People	Martha McKee
Chalice Bearers	Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Jim Milne
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Marti Narezo (chair), Carrie Freeman, Barb Heany
Ushers	Debbie Parks, Justin Alexander, David Parks
Counters	Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley
Coffee Hour	Jane Bryce
Greeters	Ardell Burns
Blessing Box	Stephanie Gewirtz
Recycling Team	Jim Milne
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Isaac Francisco
Vestry Person of the Day	David Parks

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Next Sunday, March 8, 2026

Crucifer	
Subdeacon	
Lector	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Prayers of the People	AJ Walilko
Chalice Bearers	Justin Alexander, Jen Humphries
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Nancy Merriman (chair), Jane Bryce, Theresa Milne, Lyn Zynda
Ushers	Joe Lehning, Joshua Freeman, Michael Hart, Mark Rudd
Counters	Martha McKee, Margaret Schulte
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	Joe Lehning
Blessing Box	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Recycling Team	Bob Merriman
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Allan Boron
Vestry Person of the Day	Jane Bryce

Opportunities for Prayer
March 1, 2026

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Julie, Everett, Kris, Pat, Jim, Mike, Ian, Peter, Caroline, Jennifer, Howard, and Sally. **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: Eric & Lily Monaghan and Martha McKee.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Hospice of Lansing, 3886 Pine Tree Rd, Lansing 48911.

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: Holy Cross, Novi; St. Stephen's, Hamburg.

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

We pray for: Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury; 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; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

Announcements for The Week
March 1, 2026 – March 8, 2026

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

Closed on Fridays.

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Visit our website: www.stpaulslansing.org

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Lenten Sunday Coffee Hour Book Study: Starts today during coffee hour to discuss the book *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington. For three weeks we will consider the stories and wisdom Bishop Budde has to offer us on how to respond according to our true beliefs and in ways that align with our best selves. Please join us after worship on March 1, 15 and 22nd for conversation. The books are available at this time in the office at no cost.

Family in need: Our sexton, D'Kwon Guerrero, has family members in Jackson who lost their home in a fire in January. D'Kwon's cousins Candyce and Andy Curl and their children, Eli (10), Cooper (15), and Melina (19), lost everything except for the clothes they were wearing. We are gathering new or gently used kitchen essential items that we will present to them on March 15th after church. Kitchen items should be dropped off by March 8th. The family is also in need of clothing. There is information in the Merrifield Room on the suggested kitchen items and clothing sizes needed. New or gently used clothing can be dropped off any time and we will deliver clothing items each week to the family. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Bobbi Tisdale.

Altar Guild Breakfast & Palm Crosses: Altar Guild will gather on Saturday, March 28th at 9:30am in the Merrifield Room for breakfast and to make palm crosses. If you would like to join us, there is a signup sheet in the Merrifield Room. Please contact Debbie Parks at debbie.henrie@gmail.com if you have questions. You don't need to be a member of Altar Guild to join.

Maundy Thursday Friendship Meal, April 2nd at 6:15pm. Service at 7:15pm followed by worship and the stripping of the altar. Sign up for the meal and bring a dessert to pass. Donations accepted for the meal.

Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 5th: Teresa Barcy, our caterer is providing a wonderful breakfast as a gift to the people of St. Paul's from 8:30 – 9:30am. If you wish to join us (bring your family) please sign up so we have a count for food. There will be no coffee hour on Easter morning.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace: We will be building beds on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room today and then register by going to <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/mi-lansing/>. Don't miss the chance to make a difference in local children's lives and to have great fun. If you have questions or need help registering, see Nancy or Mark Rudd or Justin Alexander.

Recycle ink cartridges & batteries: Bring your used ink cartridges and single use batteries 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.

Baby formula for Advent House: We continue to collect baby formula and baby food for Advent House for their baby/family pantry. Your help could make a difference in the lives of young working families trying to make ends meet. Please place items in the shopping cart by the back door if you would like to help with this ministry. If you have questions, please see Katie Alexander johns21k@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Deanery Confirmation at St. Paul's: Bishop Perry will be at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 9, 2026, for Deanery confirmation. Anyone who would like to be baptized at that time, confirmed, or would like to reaffirm your faith, please let Karen+ know so she can put a class schedule together.

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.

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.

The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm on Zoom with The Very Rev. Dr. 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.

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.

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.

Contributions Last Week: For the week of February 22, 2025, St. Paul's received **\$5,199** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$4,620
NonPledge Income	\$485
Loose Offering	\$94

This Week at St. Paul's
March 1, 2026 - March 8, 2026

Sunday, 3/1:		Lent II
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Lenten Coffee Hour Book Study
Monday 3/2:	2:30PM	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, 3/3:	7:00pm	Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesday, 3/4:	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 3/5:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 3/6:		Office Closed
Saturday, 3/7:	11am-4pm	Sanders Private Party - Merrifield Room
Sunday, 3/8:		Lent III / Daylight Savings Time Begins
	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.



Holy Week Services

March 28: 9:30am Altar Guild Breakfast & Palm Crosses
 March 29: 10:00am - Palm Sunday
 April 2: 6:15pm - Maundy Thursday Friendship Meal - Merrifield Room
 April 2: 7:15pm - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar
 April 3: 12:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy - Sanctuary
 April 3: 7:00pm - Good Friday Service of Readings & Music
 April 5: 8:30am - 9:30am - Easter Breakfast by Teresa Barcy - Professional Party Planners
 April 5: 10:00am Easter Sunday Worship & Holy Communion/Baptism



Easter Flower Fund - Dedication Request

I would like to contribute \$ _____

This contribution is from:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Dedication: The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in

Please make checks payable to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and write “Flower Fund” in the memo line. Checks and this form can be placed in the collection plate or placed in the Parish mailbox outside of the Parish office.

Deadline: Sunday, March 29, 2026.