



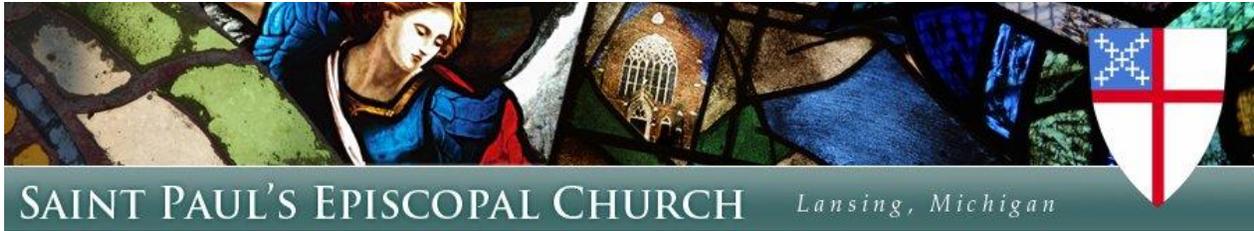
### **"Our Welcome"**

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 Third Sunday in Lent --- March 8, 2026**  
**Holy Eucharist 10:00 am**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT -- HOLY EUCHARIST  
MARCH 8, 2026

PRELUDE

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 for the Trisagion is presented in two systems. The first system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score is written for voice and piano. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto clef, and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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*

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 17:1-7

*Reader*            A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 95

- 1        Come, let us sing to the Lord,\*  
          let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2        Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\*  
          and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3        For the Lord is a great God,\*  
          and a great King above all gods.
- 4        In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\*  
          and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5        The sea is his, for he made it,\*  
          and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6        Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\*  
          and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7        For he is our God,  
          and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\*  
          Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8        Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,\*  
          at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
- 9        They put me to the test,\*  
          though they had seen my works.
- 10      Forty years long I detested that generation and said,\*  
          "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
- 11      So I swore in my wrath,\*  
          "They shall not enter into my rest."

*Reader*            A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand for the singing of the Gradual*

GRADUAL HYMN

*O love of God, how strong and true*

HYMN 455

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
 high, our life to live, our death to die.  
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)  
 Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

*Clergy*  
*People*

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know the Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

*Clergy*  
*People*

The Gospel of our Savior.  
**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

Jesus Christ intercedes for us at all times. Together let us remember and pray to God through Christ.

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding bishop, Bonnie our bishop and for the whole church; for an end to our divisions, for all who lead and all who minister, and for all the baptized, we pray, O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

For all who seek the living waters of baptism, and for all sponsors, we pray, O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

For the nations, for peacemakers, for all the world's peoples, for the governing authorities in every city and state, and for the wealthy and free to uplift the poor and oppressed, we pray, O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

For the people in the Middle East; for our service men and women, and for all in areas of war and conflict, we pray, O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

For the will to give all your people access to your grace, and for the will to supply food and sustenance to all the world's people, we pray, O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

For all whom we avoid, those we consider ungodly, the outcasts and beggars, immigrants and refugees, the downtrodden, for our enemies, and for an end to our hardness of heart, we pray, O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

For all who yearn for health, for the handicapped, for those in mental anguish or spiritual turmoil, for those struggling with chronic illness and those on our parish prayer list; for those who we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_; and for all who remember and care for them, we pray, O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

For hearts to do what is good and right and true, and for humility before Christ, that we may never murmur against you, we pray, O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

We praise you, God of our hope, for all the faithful before us who entered into your labors and worshiped you in truth. That we may live faithful to eternal life, we pray, O Lord, **have mercy upon us.**

*The Officiant concludes the prayers saying*

Pour your love into our hearts, O God of peace. Give us joy in our suffering, endurance in trials, character in times of weakness, and hope in adversity. So may we live, birthed always anew in you, Jesus 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

*God Be in My Head*

Robert G. Farrell

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*As longs the deer for cooling streams*

HYMN 658

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in  
 2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my  
 3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope  
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O  
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -  
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who  
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.  
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?  
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.  
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Words: New Version of the Psalms of David, 1696, alt.; para. of Psalm 42:1-7. Music: *Martyrdom*, melody and bass Hugh Wilson (1764-1824); adapt. and harm. Robert Smith (1780-1829).

## 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**

THE FRACTION

S161

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      *For the Bread Which Thou Has Broken*      William Bradley Roberts

COMMUNION HYMN      *Shepherd of souls*      HYMN 343

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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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.*

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

HYMN 690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

AT THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Greg Wortley
Subdeacon	Amy Wortley
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

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

**Assisting Next Sunday, March 15, 2026**

Crucifer	
Subdeacon	
Lector	<b>Herb Tanner</b>
Prayers of the People	<b>Amanda Ross</b>
Chalice Bearers	<b>Theresa Milne, Debbie Parks</b>
Altar Guild Members for the Week	<b>Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro</b>
Ushers	<b>John Nevin, Jack Baker, Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Bob Merriman</b>
Counters	<b>Larry Clark, Leslie Hall</b>
Coffee Hour	<b>Pretzel Bar w/the children</b>
Greeters	<b>Jane Bryce</b>
Blessing Box	<b>Deb McMartin-Finkel</b>
Recycling Team	<b>Bob Merriman</b>
Sunday School Mentors	<b>Barb Heany, Rachel Moore</b>
Vestry Person of the Day	<b>Justin Alexander</b>

<p><b>Opportunities for Prayer March 8, 2026</b></p>
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**We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:** Melissa, Julie, Everett, Kris, Pat, Jim, Mike, Ian, Peter, Caroline, Jennifer, Howard, and Jon. *\*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:** Deborah McMartin-Finkel and Bob & Nancy Merriman.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** Lansing Area Parkinson's Support Group, 1425 N Harrison Rd, East Lansing 48823.

**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:** St. Clare of Assisi, Ann Arbor; Trinity Church, Bellville.

**We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

**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 8, 2026 - March 15, 2026**

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

Closed on Fridays.

Phone: 517-482-9454 E-mail: [office@stpaulslansing.org](mailto:office@stpaulslansing.org)

**Visit our website:** [www.stpaulslansing.org](http://www.stpaulslansing.org)

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

**Lenten Sunday Coffee Hour Book Study:** We gather again next Sunday during coffee hour to discuss the book *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington. This will be our second of three weeks where we 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 15 and 22<sup>nd</sup> for conversation. The books are available on the signup table in the Merrifield Room.

**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](mailto:debbie.henrie@gmail.com) if you have questions. You don't need to be a member of Altar Guild to join.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Faith & Film is Friday, March 27th at 6pm:** *Amish Grace*, based on a true story, is moving testament to the power of forgiveness. When a tragedy ends the life of five Amish schoolgirls, the mother of one of the girls faces a profound test of faith. She begins to feel like an outsider and must decide whether to stay with her community -- and her beloved husband. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

**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.

**Anniversary Luncheon with John David & Christi Hawkins on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:** The Hawkins' will be holding a celebratory luncheon in lieu of coffee hour following the worship service. All are invited. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room so they have a count for the caterers.

**Deanery Confirmation at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>:** Bishop Perry will be at St. Paul's 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.

**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](mailto:johns21k@gmail.com).

**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.

**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 sign-up table, or you can email your dedication to [office@stpaulslansing.org](mailto: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 March 1, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$4,528** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	<b>\$3,840</b>
NonPledge Income	<b>\$460</b>
Loose Offering	<b>\$60</b>
Noisy Offering	<b>\$168</b>

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

Sunday, 3/8:	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	Lent III / Daylight Savings Time Begins
Monday 3/9:	6:00pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting - Zoom
Tuesday, 3/10:	7:00pm	Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesday, 3/11:	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 3/12:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 3/13:		Office Closed
Saturday, 3/14:		
Sunday, 3/15:	9:15am      Choir Rehearsal 10:00am     Children's Chapel w/the Rev. Lewis - Chapel 10:00am     Worship & Holy Communion 11:15am     Coffee Hour - Pretzel Bar w/children 11:15am     Lenten Coffee Hour Book Study 12:00pm     Drumming Session - Sanctuary 12:15pm     Kitchen Shower for the Curl Family	Lent IV

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**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

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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.**