



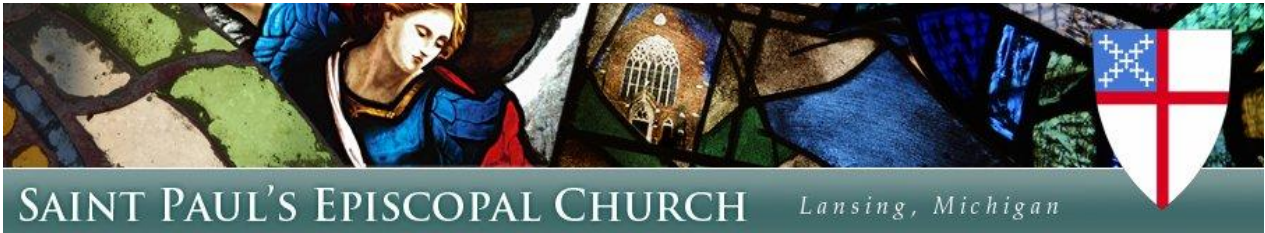
### ***“Our Welcome”***

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter -- April 26, 2026 Holy Eucharist**

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
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**St. Paul's Staff:** The Rev. Karen C. Lewis, Rector; The Rev. Canon Dr. W. Richard Hamlin, Priest Associate; 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 - Worship & Holy Communion

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – HOLY EUCHARIST  
APRIL 26, 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.**

*Unison or harmony*

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath  
 riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my  
 slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

*Refrain*

sprung to life this mor - row.  
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was  
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

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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

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

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

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

#### FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:42-47

*Reader*          A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

#### PSALM 23

- 1      The Lord is my shepherd;\*  
        I shall not be in want.
- 2      He makes me lie down in green pastures\*  
        and leads me beside still waters.
- 3      He revives my soul\*  
        and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4      Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;\*  
        for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5      You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;\*  
        you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6      Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,\*  
        and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

#### SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 2:19-25

*Reader*          A reading from the first letter of Peter

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins

in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *My Shepherd will supply my need* HYMN 664

1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
 is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
 all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_

He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
 ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
 go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
 or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gathered in the care of the Good Shepherd and guardian of our souls, let us in trust pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For all who serve the holy church of God especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding bishop, Bonnie our bishop; for all who serve in ministries and those who shepherd the lost and care for those in need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are persecuted for the gospel; for all in lonely places who rejoice in the hope of the resurrection, and for the blessed community of the saints, living and dead, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in the world who care for the sick, the dying, the hungry and the destitute, the mentally ill; and for first responders who care for our safety, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the ill especially those on our parish prayer list; for victims of sudden violence, especially for abused children and spouses, for prisoners and victims of natural catastrophe and war, for those struggling with isolation and depression, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all here gathered spiritually and for our needs; for Mike, Ian, Rachel, Katie, Dani and Patrick preparing for confirmation and reception; that we may come to receive abundant life at God's hand, and at the last rest in Christ's shepherding love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all parents tasked with shepherding their children, that they may experience the joy of child-like curiosity and the patience of Job, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died and for those who grieve, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

*The Officiant concludes the prayers saying*

Blessed are you, Great Shepherd, who, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, gives us goodness and mercy, leads us down right paths, and restores our souls. **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

*Christ the Center*

Andrew Bruhn

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*O Jesus, joy of loving hearts*

HYMN 649

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
 2 We taste in you our liv - ing bread, and long to  
 3 For you our rest - less spi - rits yearn wher - e'er our  
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life and our true light, we seek the peace your love im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your pres - ence we dis -  
 mo - ments calm and bright; oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts, and stand re - joic - ing in your sight.  
 head, our thirst - ing souls to quench and fill.  
 cern, blest, when our faith can hold you fast.  
 way, shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

## 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:

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

*O Taste and See*

Anthony Doherty

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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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

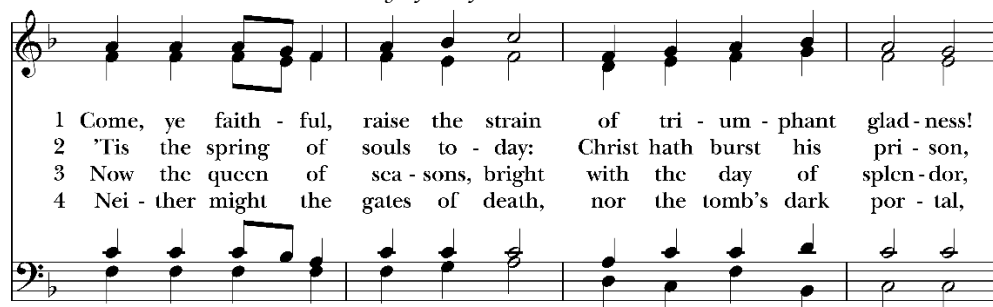
### THE BLESSING

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.

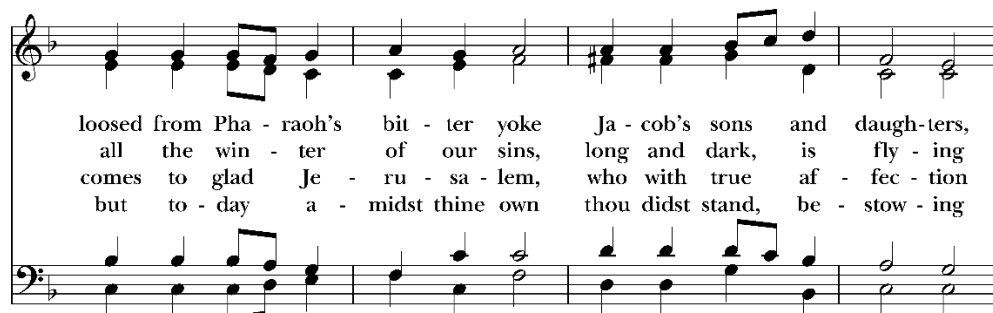
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



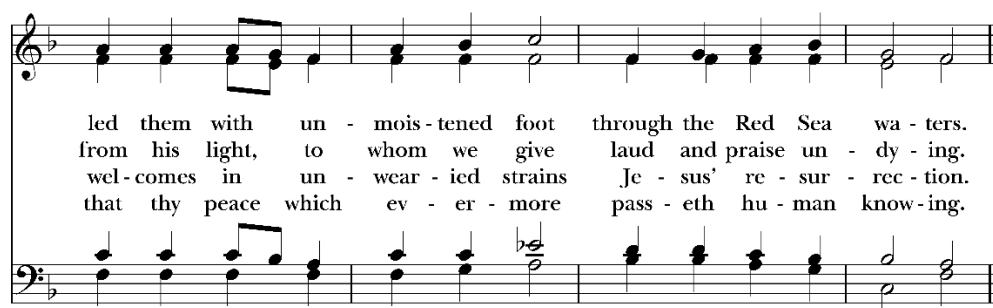
1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *St. Kevin*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

## 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 Andy Zynda from his wife,  
 Lyn and daughter, Leigh Henrys.*

**Assisting in today's service**

Crucifer	Amy Wortley
Subdeacon	Leslie Hall
Lector	Brad Deacon
Prayers of the People	Nancy Rudd
Chalice Bearers	Theresa Milne, Lyn Zynda
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Hillary Walilko
Ushers	Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko, Katie Wiley
Counters	Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco
Coffee Hour	John David & Christi Hawkins Luncheon
Greeters	Sally Boron
Blessing Box	Ron & Annette Irwin
Recycling Team	Ann & Mike Sanders
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Allan Boron
Vestry Person of the Day	Jim Milne

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

**Assisting Next Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Crucifer	Marti Narezo
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	Herb Tanner
Prayers of the People	Libby Richardson
Chalice Bearers	Amy Wortley, Greg Wortley
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	
Greeters	
Blessing Box	Bobbi Tisdale
Recycling Team	Jim Milne
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Isaac Francisco
Vestry Person of the Day	David Parks

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## Opportunities for Prayer - April 26, 2026

**We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:** Melissa, Julie, Everett, Kris, Pat, Jim, Mike, Peter, Caroline, Jennifer, Howard, Jon, and Maria. *\*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:** Mark & Nancy Rudd and Mike & Ann Sanders.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** RSVP of Ingham, Eaton & Clinton Counties, 2400 Pattengill Ave, Lansing 48910

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

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

**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 - April 26, 2026 - May 3, 2026

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

Closed on Fridays.

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**Noisy Offering Recipient for April-June 2026:** Ele's Place provides a safe space for children and families to find healing through shared experiences. Ele's Place's mission is built around compassion and community, helping children, teens, and families navigate their grief.

**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.

**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.

**Grounds Cleanup Day:** Please join us for a church grounds cleanup day on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Bring your yard tools. Many hands make light work!

**Faith in Film is back this fall!** If you would like to lead a Faith in Film session, please email Steven Kadow by June 1st at [kando1sr@gmail.com](mailto:kando1sr@gmail.com) with the name of the movie you would like to discuss. Dates and snack responsibilities will be determined once all film suggestions have been received. We look forward to another great series of conversations on the intersection of faith and film starting in September!

**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.

**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](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 April 19, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$6,490** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	<b>\$5,070</b>
NonPledge Income	<b>380</b>
Loose Offering-3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	<b>\$40</b>
EDOMI Social Services Grant	<b>\$1,000</b>

**This Week at St. Paul's  
April 26, 2026 - May 3, 2026**

Sunday, 4/26:	<p>Roosevelt Ramp open to 10:00pm</p> <p>9:15am      Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9:45am      Sunday School</p> <p>10:00am     Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p> <p>11:15am     Hawkins Parish Luncheon</p> <p>4:00pm      Lange Choral Ensemble Rehearsal</p>
Monday 4/27:	
Tuesday, 4/28:	7:00pm      Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesday, 4/29:	9:00pm      Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 4/30	7:00pm      Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 5/1:	Office Closed
Saturday, 5/2:	12pm-3pm    Lange Choral Ensemble Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Sunday, 5/3:	<p>Noisy Offering</p> <p>9:15am      Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9:45am      Sunday School</p> <p>10:00am     Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p> <p>11:15am     Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:15am     Ele's Place Guest Speaker @ Coffee Hour</p> <p>11:15am     Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch</p> <p>1:00pm      Lange Choral Ensemble Rehearsal - Sanctuary</p> <p>3:00pm      Lange Choral Ensemble Concert - Sanctuary</p>