



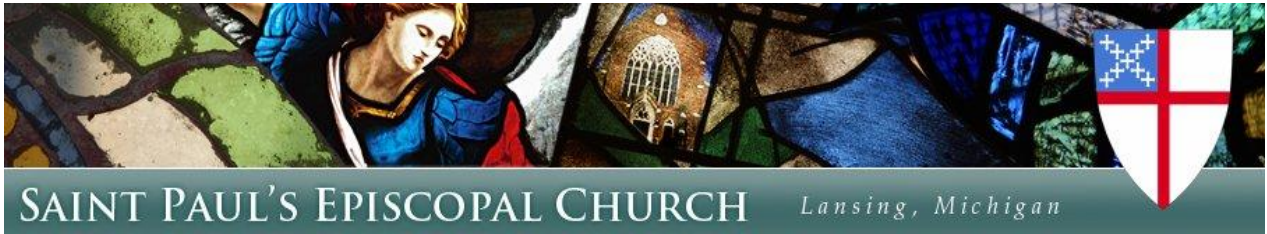
### ***“Our Welcome”***

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 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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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – HOLY EUCHARIST  
MAY 3, 2026

PRELUDE

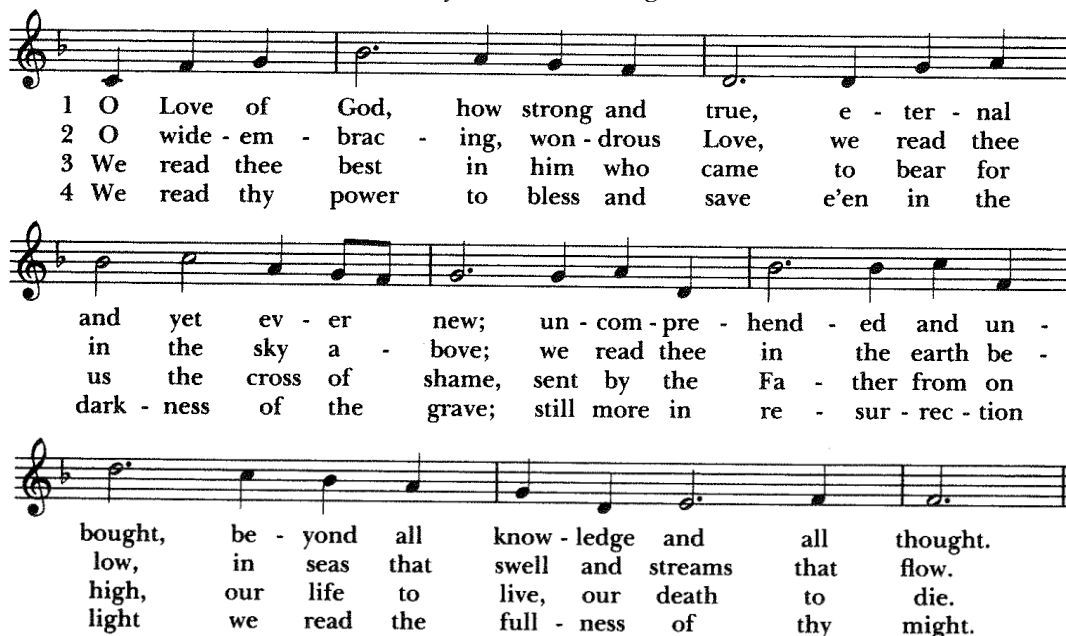
LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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.**

OPENING 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)

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The people sing together*

GLORIA

S278

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

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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

*Reader*            A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice. "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

- 1        In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
          let me never be put to shame;\*  
          deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2        Incline your ear to me;\*  
          make haste to deliver me.
- 3        Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
          for you are my crag and my stronghold;\*  
          for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4        Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,\*  
          for you are my tower of strength.
- 5        Into your hands I commend my spirit,\*  
          for you have redeemed me,  
          O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15      My times are in your hand;\*  
          rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
          and from those who persecute me.
- 16      Make your face to shine upon your servant,\*  
          and in your loving-kindness save me."

SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 2:2-10

*Reader*            A reading from the first letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the



going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*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

Empowered by the Lord’s promise that he will do whatever we ask in his name, let us pray, saying: Lord, hear us.

The first Christians shared all they possessed. They chose special people for the ministry of service as a sign of their love for one another. May service be the mark of all our Christian lives in the church and in the community. We pray for the church of God and its leaders especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding bishop and

Bonnie, our bishop, that our lives may be for the glory of God alone, let us pray: **Lord, hear us.**

May we recognize that we are God's consecrated people and may we be open to God's choices for the church and for the world. We hope for stronger efforts to unite all Christian peoples, lest factions and jealousies prevent the spread of the gospel, let us pray: **Lord, hear us.**

Jesus commands us not to be troubled. We pray for those who live in areas of conflict especially Ukraine and the Middle East, and those who live amidst violence. May our confidence in God be strengthened and our hope confirmed in the promises God has made, let us pray. **Lord, hear us.**

For those among us whose hearts are troubled and anxious or are sick remembering those on our parish prayer list, the lonely and isolated, the anxious and discouraged, the refugee and the homeless, those suffering from chronic diseases and those who care for them, and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_; that they may find support in God's love, let us pray: **Lord, hear us.**

May we be a people dedicated to the truth about God, about the Christ, and about God's purposes for all the people of the world. We pray for this worshiping community, that our belief in God will be deepened by the word and sacrament we share, let us pray: **Lord, hear us.**

May those who have died especially those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_, live eternally in the presence of God, in whom all find comfort and peace, let us pray: **Lord, hear us.**

*The Officiant concludes the prayers saying*

Almighty God, your Son promised to grant whatever we ask in his name. By your Holy Spirit empower us to minister to the world as his faithful disciples that our work may testify to what we pray and show forth your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ. **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

*The Call*

Gerald Near

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## Christ is made the sure foundation

HYMN 518

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

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

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

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

*Officiant and People sing together*

### SANCTUS

S125

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

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

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

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and our lives in thanks and praise. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth, that we may proclaim the good news to all the world and rise together as children of your new creation.

Then bring us to that new heaven here on earth, O God, where death and pain are no more and you dwell with us forever. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S155

*The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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INVITATION

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

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available: please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.*

*Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.*

*Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Taste and See

Timothy Flynn

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Let thy blood in mercy poured*

HYMN 313

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

*Refrain*

of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Officiant and People say together:*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING

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

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

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

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

### CLOSING HYMN

### The day of Resurrection

### HYMN 210

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,  
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;  
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,  
our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch...der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973). Descant by permission of Oxford University Press.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

**Assisting in today's service**

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

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

**Assisting Next Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Crucifer	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Subdeacon	Greg Wortley
Lector	Steven Kandow
Prayers of the People	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Chalice Bearers	Jen Humphries, Jamal Dillman-Hasso
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	Jane Bryce
Greeters	Jamie Diedrich
Blessing Box	Jack Baker
Recycling Team	Bob Merriman
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Rachel Moore
Vestry Person of the Day	Kelly Hackett

**Opportunities for Prayer**  
**May 3, 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:** Margaret Schulte and Gail Shafer & Howard Hansen.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** Community Mental Health Authority, 812 E Jolly Rd, 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:** Emmaus, Walled Lake; St. David's, Southfield; St. George's, Azua, DR.

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

**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**  
**May 3, 2026 - May 10, 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!

**Frances Park Worship & Potluck:** Join us June 7<sup>th</sup> at Frances Park pavilion, 2701 Moores River Dr, Lansing 48911 for worship at 10:00am and a potluck and games following the service. There is a signup in the Merrifield Room. St. Paul's will provide the burgers & hot dogs.

**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.

**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.

**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).

**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 26, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$8,299** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$7,450
NonPledge Income	\$200
Loose Offering	\$50
Altar Flowers	\$500
Catering Income	\$99

<b>This Week at St. Paul's</b> <b>May 3, 2026 - May 10, 2026</b>
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Sunday, 5/3:		Noisy Offering
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Ele's Place Guest Speaker @ Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
	1:00pm	Lange Choral Ensemble Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	3:00pm	Lange Choral Ensemble Concert - Sanctuary
Monday 5/4:	2:30pm	Staff Meeting
	4:30pm	Social Justice Meeting - Zoom
Tuesday, 5/5:	7:00pm	Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesday, 5/6:	12:00pm	Noon Book Study - Zoom
	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 5/7	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 5/8:		Office Closed
Saturday, 5/9:	11:00am	Diocesan Confirmation @ St. Paul's
	12:30pm	Confirmation Reception - Merrifield Room
Sunday, 5/10:		Mother's Day
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour

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# Prayer Walk

for Peace, Justice,  
and Dignity for Immigrants



Join us as we walk and pray to show solidarity with our immigrant friends and neighbors through public witness!

Starting and ending at nearby churches, our program will feature a procession around the Michigan State Capitol. It will be ecumenical and multi-faith, peaceful and non-partisan.

**Date and Time:** Sunday, May 31, 2026 | 1:00 – 3:30 pm

**Kick-off Location:** First Presbyterian Church  
(510 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan)

**LEARN MORE AND REGISTER:**  
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