

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son,  
that your Son may glorify you."

John 17:1

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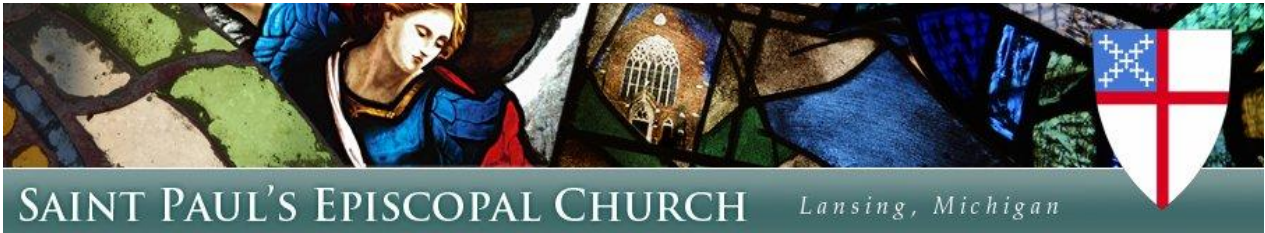
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## **The Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2026 The Sunday After Ascension Day Holy Eucharist**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
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#### **Opportunities for Worship**

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - HOLY EUCHARIST  
 THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY  
 MAY 17, 2026

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

*Hail the day that sees him rise*

HYMN 214



1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821).

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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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

#### FIRST LESSON

ACTS 1:6-14

*Reader*            A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

#### PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1        Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;\*  
          let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2        Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;\*  
          as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3        But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;\*  
          let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4        Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens;\*  
          YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5        Father of orphans, defender of widows,\*  
          God in his holy habitation!
- 6        God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;\*  
          but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7        O God, when you went forth before your people,\*  
          when you marched through the wilderness.

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
 at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,\*  
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;\*  
 you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it;\*  
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;\*  
 sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;\*  
 he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God;\*  
 his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places!\*  
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
 Blessed be God!

SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Peter

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## GRADUAL HYMN

*Hail, thou once despised Jesus*

HYMN 495



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 \*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe  
 Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

*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 looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them,

and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

*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

Let us once more cast our cares upon the Lord, saying: To God be glory forever and ever.

For the church of God and those who serve it, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding bishop and Bonnie, our bishop, and all its members who share in Christ's suffering, that the glory of the Lord might be revealed, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For the world so loved by God, that the power of God's grace working in us might restore the beauty of its created image, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For those who glorify God in simple, hidden, and faith-filled ways, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For peace and justice in this world: for an end to war and international turmoil especially in the Ukraine and the Middle East; for peace in our troubled society; for the heads of national, state and local governments, that they may make wise and just decisions, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For this worshiping community, that the coming of the Spirit might find us steadfast in prayer and strong in love, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For all in any pain and for all who are ill especially those on our parish prayer list, those who are alone, isolated, and in despair; for those awaiting death, and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_, that they might be brought beyond their trouble into the Spirit's peace, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For all in need: for those suffering for the faith; for those who are poor, hungry and homeless; for the immigrant and refugee; for those who have lost their employment; and those who fear the present and the future, that their hearts may be filled with your healing power, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For all who have died, that they may gather at the great banquet with their God, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

*The Officiant concludes the prayers saying*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; the healer of the sick and the Savior of the world. **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

*O Give Thanks to the Lord*

Robert Lau

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Now the green blade riseth*

HYMN 204



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



*Refrain*  
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

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

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

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

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

*Lord, as the Grain*

Carl Schalk

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Now the silence*

HYMN 333

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty  
hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea  
Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing  
Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing  
Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful  
cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs  
Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's  
vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - an - y  
Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The Officiant and People say together:*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING

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

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

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

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

### CLOSING HYMN

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

1. Re - jice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love;  
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4. Re - jice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,

1. Re - jice, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more.  
2. When he had purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove.  
3. The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n.  
4. And take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re - jice!

Ps 95:2-3; Heb 1:3; Rv 1:18  
Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

John Darwall, 1731-1789  
Harm. by William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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	<b>Jamal Dillman-Hasso</b>
Subdeacon	<b>Amy Wortley</b>
Lector	<b>Children</b>
Prayers of the People	<b>Children</b>
Chalice Bearers	<b>Debbie Parks, Henrie 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, Bob Merriman</b>
Counters	<b>Larry Clark, Leslie Hall</b>
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	
Blessing Box	<b>John David Hawkins</b>
Recycling Team	<b>Mark Rudd</b>
Vestry Person of the Day	

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**Assisting Next Sunday, May 24, 2026**

Crucifer	<b>Debbie Parks</b>
Subdeacon	<b>Henrie Parks</b>
Lector	<b>AJ Walilko</b>
Prayers of the People	<b>Margaret Schulte</b>
Chalice Bearers	<b>Justin Alexander, Jamal Dillman-Hasso</b>
Altar Guild Members for the Week	<b>Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Hillary Walilko</b>
Ushers	<b>Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko, Katie Wiley</b>
Counters	<b>Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco</b>
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	
Blessing Box	<b>Marilyn Earley</b>
Recycling Team	<b>Ann &amp; Mike Sanders</b>
Sunday School Mentors	<b>Barb Heany, Carrie Freeman</b>
Vestry Person of the Day	

**Opportunities for Prayer**

**May 17, 2026**

**We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:** Melissa, Julie, Everett, Kris, Pat, Jim, Mike, 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:** Pat Smith and Cathryn Stachwick.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E Kalamazoo St, Lansing.

**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:** Trinity Church, St. Clair Shores; St. Peter & St. Paul, Santo Domingo, DR.

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

**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 17, 2026 - May 24, 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.**

**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.

**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.

**Frances Park Worship & Potluck:** Join us June 7th 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.

**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 May 10, 2026, St. Paul’s received **\$9,475** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	<b>\$7,135</b>
NonPledge Income	<b>\$90</b>
Memorial Restricted	<b>\$1,000</b>
Mission & Outreach Restricted	<b>\$1,000</b>
Facility Rental	<b>\$250</b>

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Sunday, 5/17:	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion/Children participate
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
	12:00pm	Drumming Session
Monday 5/18:	6:15pm	Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30pm - Hill Room
Tuesday, 5/19:	7:00pm	Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesday, 5/20:	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 5/21:	7:00am	Men's Breakfast
Friday, 5/22:		Office Closed
	4:30pm	Gaskill/Goggins Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, 5/23:		Roosevelt Ramp open to 10:00pm
	3:00pm	Gaskill/Goggins Wedding and Reception
Sunday, 5/24:		Pentecost Sunday
		Katie Alexander Away
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour

**QR Code for giving. Scan the code with your phone to be taken to options for giving.**





# 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:**  
<https://forms.gle/91EfGq8vfuvsaKW4A>

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to sign up!*



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