



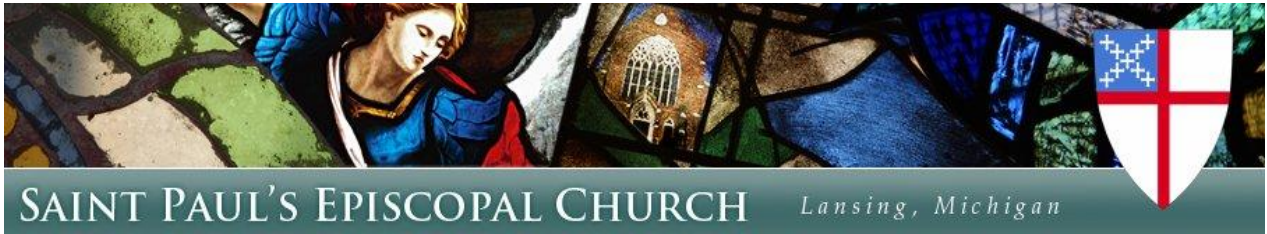
"Our Welcome"

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 After Pentecost – June 28, 2026 Holy Eucharist & Baptism

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- HOLY EUCHARIST & BAPTISM
 PROPER 8 -- JUNE 28, 2026

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

I, the Lord of sea and sky

HYMN WLP 812

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have



heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,



if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my



heart. heart.

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The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
 Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;
 People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**
 Officiant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God of all.**
 Officiant The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Officiant Let us pray.

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

S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty 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, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:1-14

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 13

- 1 How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever?*
- how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart,
day after day?*
- how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;*
- give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"*
- and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy;*
- my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly;*
- I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:12-23

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

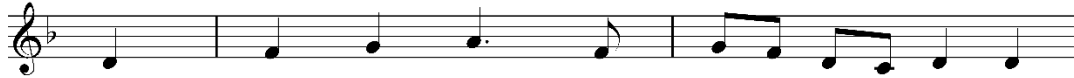
Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

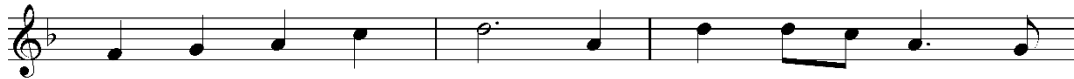
GRADUAL HYMN

Forgive our sins as we forgive

HYMN 674



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and



taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to



grant us grace to live the words we say.
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

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

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

- Officiant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
- Sponsors* I present Logan Hunter Marsh to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Officiant* Do you desire to be baptized:
Logan I do.
- Officiant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Logan **I renounce them.**
- Officiant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Logan **I renounce them.**
- Officiant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Logan **I renounce them.**
- Officiant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Logan **I do.**
- Officiant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Logan **I do.**
- Officiant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Logan **I do.**
- Officiant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Logan in his life in Christ?
People **We will.**
- Officiant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The People all stand

- Officiant* Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Officiant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Officiant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Officiant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for Logan who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son, may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Officiant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was

anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Logan Hunter, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Logan, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us pray

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Officiant and People say together

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Through baptism we have been made alive in Christ Jesus. Let us speak the words of this new life by praying for the whole state of Christ's church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the church and its leaders, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding bishop, and Bonnie, our bishop and for all clergy; that we might be faithful, willing to serve, constant in grace, and receptive to newness, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we might be eager to welcome, diligent in prayer, and generous in deed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation, town and neighborhood, that we might be advocates for the oppressed and the poor, and models of justice, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who grieve, those in places of care, those in prison, those who are addicted, those who are homeless, those who are depressed and lonely, and those who are sick, those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud _____, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in dangerous occupations, those who care for the sick, those who work the land, and those who teach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who travel, who seek rest, who visit family and friends, who enjoy the gifts of creation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families and for all placed under our care, for our enemies and for those whom we disagree, and for those who are examples of grace in our lives, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the blessings and gifts we have received, for the ministries of this church and the lives they touch, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, may they live eternally in the presence of God, in whom all find comfort and peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

Yours, O God, is the dominion, the power, and the glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Officiant stands and says

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Take up your cross, the Savior said

HYMN 675



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
People
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS

S129

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

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Officiant and people say together

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Officiant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy

Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S154

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 HYMN

I come with joy

HYMN 304

Unison or harmony

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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The Officiant and People say together:

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be your people in the world. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your Good News in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Officiant and People sing together:

CLOSING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the almighty

HYMN 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Debbie Parks
Subdeacon	Henrie Parks
Lector	Susan Kendall
Prayers of the People	AJ Walilko
Chalice Bearers	Theresa Milne, Debbie Parks
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 Hawkins
Greeters	
Blessing Box	John David Hawkins
Recycling Team	
Vestry Person of the Day	Jane Bryce

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Next Sunday, July 5, 2026

Crucifer	Marti Narezo
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	Libby Richardson
Prayers of the People	AJ Walilko
Chalice Bearers	Jim Milne, Theresa Milne
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Marti Narezo (chair), Carrie Freeman, Barb Heany
Ushers	Debbie Parks, Justin Alexander, David Parks
Counters	Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley
Coffee Hour	Barb & Libby Richardson
Greeters	
Blessing Box	Dani & Patrick Prebo
Recycling Team	
Sunday School Mentors	
Vestry Person of the Day	Herb Tanner

Opportunities for Prayer
June 28, 2026

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Julie, Everett, Kris, Pat, Jim, Mike, Peter, Caroline, Jennifer, Howard, Jon, Carol, Whitt and Ann. **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: Janet Alleman Trumbull, and Jack Baker & Bob Welch.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Care Free Medical, 1115 S Pennsylvania 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: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit; St. Thomas', Trenton; Good Shepherd, San Pedro, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

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
June 28, 2026 – July 5, 2026

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

Closed on Fridays.

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

Visit our website: www.stpaulslansing.org

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

“Tabletop Saints” coming soon: A board and card game night of fellowship and fun! Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite games and invite your friends. Our Inaugural night is Friday, September 11th at 6:15pm. Please sign up in the Merrifield room so we can plan enough food and soft drinks for everyone. Children are welcome when accompanied by a parent or guardian, childcare is not provided. Parking is available in the 4Cs lot in St. Paul’s designated parking spots, the St. Paul’s lot and on the street. Join us for fun and fellowship! Please see Rachel or Ian Moore if you have any questions.

Roosevelt Ramp Window Project: Throughout much of July, August, and early September, the House of Representatives will be replacing the south windows of the Roosevelt parking ramp. There will be lifts and construction personnel working on the ramp side of St. Paul’s parking lot. Access to our parking lot will be limited. You may continue to park in the Roosevelt structure on evenings and weekends. You will need to exit/enter the east pedestrian door to get to St. Paul’s. Parking may be available in the 4C’s lot in St. Paul’s designated spots.

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.

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to office@stpaulslansing.org to ensure accuracy.

Recycle ink cartridges: Bring your used ink cartridges 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.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

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.

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.

Altar flower requests: There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **\$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org.

Please sign up to be a Greeter: One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

Contributions Last Week: For the week of June 21, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$1,170** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$820
NonPledge Income	\$300
Third Sunday Loose Offering	\$50

This Week at St. Paul's June 28, 2026 - July 5, 2026

Sunday, 6/28:	Barb Heany Away
	No Sunday School
10:00am	Holy Communion/Baptism - Merrifield Room
11:15am	Coffee Hour
11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
Monday 6/29:	Barb Heany Away
	Lights in Sanctuary being replaced
5:30pm	Morning Prayer Training
Tuesday, 6/30:	Barb Heany Away
	Lights in Sanctuary being replaced
Wednesday, 7/1:	Karen Lewis Away/Barb Heany Away
	Lights in Sanctuary being replaced
9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 7/2:	Karen Lewis Away/Barb Heany Away
	Theresa Milne Away
Friday, 7/3:	Karen Lewis Away
	Office Closed
Saturday, 7/4:	Karen Lewis Away
Sunday, 7/5:	Karen Lewis Away
9:45am	Sunday School - Hill Room
10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Merrifield Room
11:15am	Coffee Hour

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

