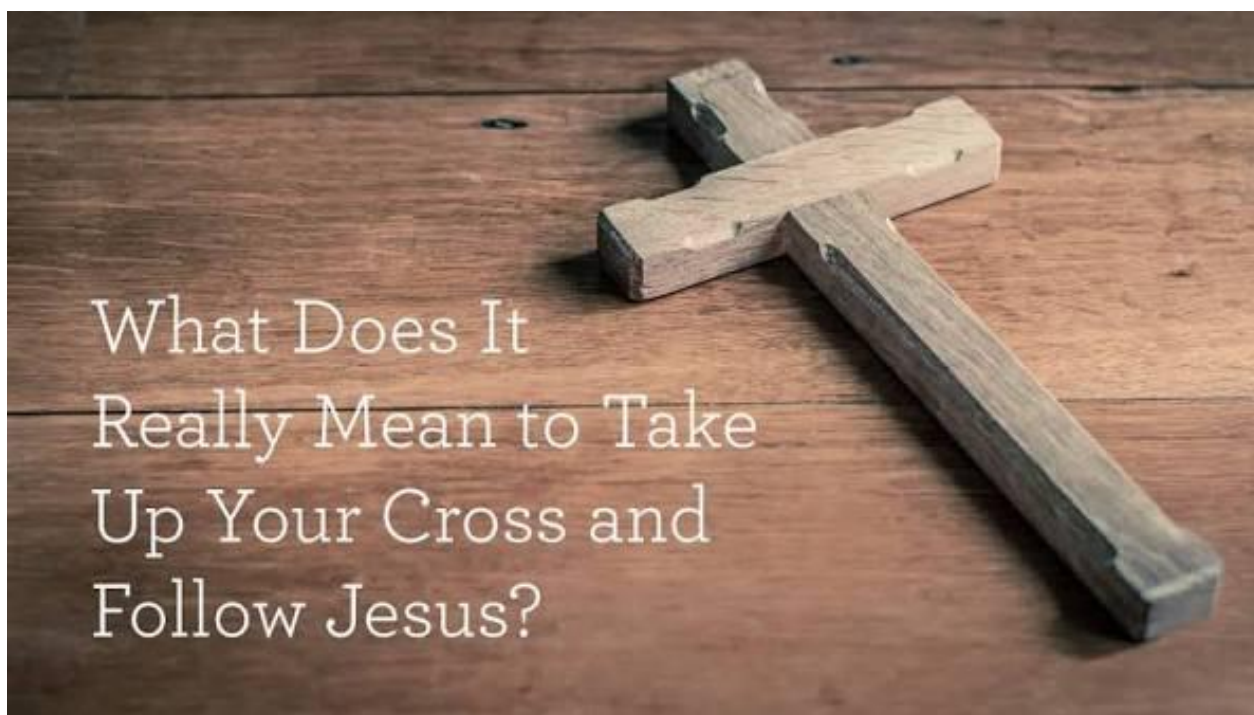




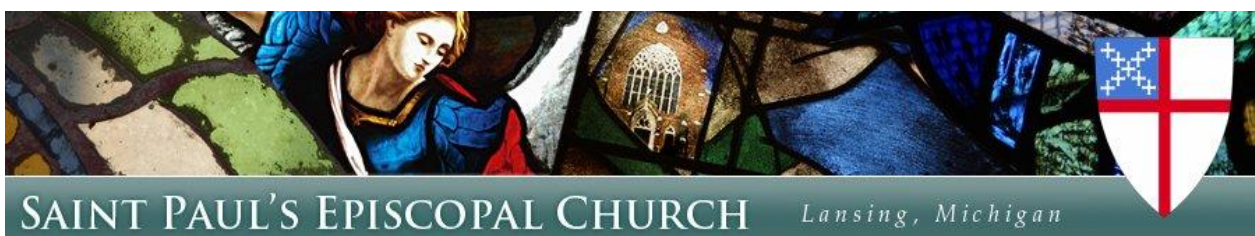
"Our Welcome"

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 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost – August 30, 2026 Holy Eucharist

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- HOLY EUCHARIST
AUGUST 30, 2026 - PROPER 17

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

At the name of Jesus

HYMN 435 v.1-3



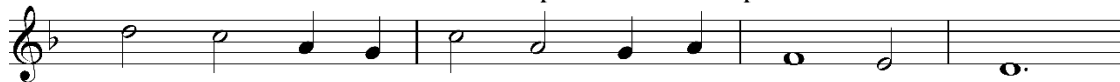
1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
* 5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
* 6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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 - 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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Exodus 3:1-15

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you; when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;*
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him,*
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength;*
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done,*
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,*
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt,*
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;*
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,*
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant,*
and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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GRADUAL HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy



1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide - ness of the
 2. Souls of men, why will you wan - der From a love so true and
 3. For the love of God is broad - er Than the meas - ures of man's



1. sea; There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice which is more than lib - er -
 2. deep? Fool - ish hearts, he still will find you Though the way be rough and
 3. mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly



1. ty. There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been
 2. steep. There is mer - cy for the sin - ner, And more grac - es for the
 3. kind. If our love were but more sim - ple, We should take him at his



1. shed; There is joy for all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the Head.
 2. good, There is wel - come with the Sav - ior; There is heal - ing in his blood.
 3. word, And our hearts would rest for - giv - en In the mer - cy of the Lord.

Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Attr. to Benjamin F. White, 1800–1879
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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

Then, all standing, the clergyperson reads the Gospel, first saying

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Called together as a family of faith from every time and place, we are bidden by God to pray. That we might share our mutual concerns and offer the secrets of our hearts, let us pray saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world; for the leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity might prevail; for regions torn by conflict and war, that peace and harmony might be restored: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the church; for the unity of the body of Christ, that needless division may cease; for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding bishop, for Bonnie our bishop and for our clergy, and for all who nurture our life together, that the body may be strengthened and our common life enriched: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this parish; for our presence in this community, that persons may find here the means to a deeper relationship with God; and for our ministry of reconciliation, that all may find here the forgiveness of God and the acceptance of each other: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those in need; for the hungry and homeless, that food and shelter might be theirs; for the oppressed and downtrodden, that freedom and dignity might be theirs; for the sick and the suffering especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud _____, that health and wholeness might be theirs: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have died and those who mourn their death; that they may find eternal rest in the kingdom of God: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers by saying the following

By your power, dear God, you raised Christ Jesus and in him we too will be raised. Receive our prayers and those of all your saints, that trusting in you all the days of our lives, we may know the fullness of your love and the power of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Brother, sister, let me serve you

HYMN VF124

1 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll
 5 When we sing to God in hea - ven, we shall find such
 6 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me - be as

Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each o - ther
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er
 Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 of Christ's love and a gon - y.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

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

COMMUNION HYMN

I am the bread of life

HYMN 335

1 I am the bread of life; they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that

1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
 4 I am the life. They who be -
 5 you are the Christ, the

1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
 5 Son of God who has

1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come in - to the world.

Refrain
 And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day.

2 The
3 Un-
4 day.
5 Yes,
(z)

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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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Rise up, ye saints of God

HYMN 551

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
 2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
 3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
 bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
 quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

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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	Jim Milne
Subdeacon	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Lector	Brad Deacon
Prayers of the People	Herb Tanner
Chalice Bearers	Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Lyn Zynda
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Hillary Walilko
Ushers	Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko, Katie Wiley
Counters	Isaac Francisco, Margaret Schulte
Coffee Hour	Lyn Zynda
Greeters	
Blessing Box	The Alexanders
Recycling Team	Jim Milne
Sunday School Mentors	
Vestry Person of the Day	Kelly Hackett

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Assisting Next Sunday, September 6, 2026

Crucifer	Marti Narezo
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	Libby Richardson
Prayers of the People	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Chalice Bearers	Leslie Hall, Jim Milne
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Marti Narezo (chair), Carrie Freeman, Barb Heany
Ushers	Debbie Parks, David Parks, Justin Alexander
Counters	Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley
Coffee Hour	Barb & Libby Richardson
Greeters	Jamie Diedrich
Blessing Box	Susan Henderson
Recycling Team	
Vestry Person of the Day	David Parks

Opportunities For Prayer August 30, 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: Duot Manyang Duot, and Marilyn Earley.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Habitat for Humanity Capital Region, 1941 Benjamin Dr, Lansing, 48906.

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: St. James', Grosse Isle; St. Peter's, Hillsdale.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

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
August 30, 2026 – September 6, 2026

“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 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 spots, the St. Paul’s lot and on the street. Please see Rachel or Ian Moore if you have any questions.

Roosevelt Ramp Window Project: Throughout much of 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, mostly during the week. You may continue to park in the Roosevelt structure on evenings and weekends. Parking may be available in the 4C’s lot in St. Paul’s designated spots.

You’re Invited: ‘See. Love. Vote.’ Get Out the Vote Postcard Party! Join faith-filled justice-seekers from across the region in writing nonpartisan postcards to encourage people to vote in the upcoming midterm elections! We’ll gather at **First Presbyterian Church** (Litten Social Hall, 510 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing) on **Friday, September 18, 6:00 PM for fellowship and a simple meal as we work toward a goal of writing 1,000 postcards to people of faith in your community.**

“See. Love. Vote.” is a nonpartisan campaign rooted in the Catholic Social Justice tradition to get out the vote in the 2026 elections and beyond! Led by NETWORK Advocates for Catholic Social Justice (a 501(c)(3) organization) and faith partners across many Christian denominations and other faith traditions, we are connecting communities with the tools they need to be informed and engaged voters, inspired by the common good!

Please register at networkadvocates.org/lansing We hope to see you there!

What are sacraments? How many do we have in the Episcopal Church? Can you name all of our sacraments? Why are they important to my faith? Or are they not important? When do I need the sacraments? Does the bread and wine really change into Jesus’ body? These questions and many more will be answered in a three-week class on Wednesday evenings September 16, 23, 30th. If you would like, first join us for dinner at 6:15 with the class beginning at 6:45pm. Cost for the meal is \$9.00. Sign up if you are joining us.

Parish Potluck: Sign up to bring your favorite dish to pass for our welcome back parish potluck September 20 following the 10:00am worship service. There’s a signup in the Merrifield Room. There are also signup sheets for cleanup following the potluck.

Ushers: There is a signup sheet in the Merrifield room for anyone interested in serving as an usher. Please see John David Hawkins for more information.

Longtime parishioner, Norma Lindholm is turning 98! We would like to help her celebrate and you can help. Bring in a birthday card for Norma by September 13th, and Karen+ will take them to her. There is a basket on the signup table to place all the cards.

Provide a Meal for Canterbury MSU: The signup genius is open to sign up to provide a meal for Canterbury for the fall. Please bring a complete meal (main dish, side, salad, dessert) for 6 people with a gluten and dairy free option. Please no mushrooms. Deliver to 225 M.A.C. Ave on Thursday by 6:15pm. Contact Chaplain Alex Aivars at chaplain.canterburymsu@gmail.com or 269.806.3489 for any questions. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EAEAD28A5FDCF8-65142631-fall>

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification: Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding classes September 19th and October 10th in the Choir Room from 10am-2pm. This class is for anyone who wants to be certified/re-certified in adult and/or pediatric First Aid or CPR/AED. You have two weeks to complete an online portion of the class. Payment of \$40 to St. Paul's Episcopal Church due at the class. Free for staff, ushers, and Sunday School mentors. See John David Hawkins or Mark Rudd for more information.

Noisy Offering through December: Due to the Labor Day weekend, our Noisy Offering will move to September 13th. The City Rescue Mission of Lansing is a 501(c)3, Christian ministry founded in and still serving Michigan's capital area. Every year, thousands of children and adults find refuge and rescue thanks to the compassion of our community. Their mission is to meet physical needs for Food and Shelter to bring those with spiritual needs the Hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

Themes of Faith in the Music of Mahler: Arguably one of the most revolutionary composers at the beginning of the 20th century, Gustav Mahler is well known for his lengthy and complicated music. As a man born into a Jewish family who converted to Catholicism, Mahler expressed his thoughts regarding God, faith, love, life, death, and the afterlife in many of his pieces. Please join us in this brand-new series at St. Paul's as we spend 4 weeks with Steven Kadow looking at these themes in Mahler's first two symphonies. No knowledge of either Mahler or classical music is required to participate in these discussions. Sessions will be Wednesdays on Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11. Dinner will be provided at 6:15 (\$9 per person) with discussion beginning at 6:30. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

Faith in Film September 25th at 6:00pm: Join us for our first Faith in Film of the 2026-2027 season. We will be showing the classic film, "Little Women", a coming-of-age novel written by Louisa May Alcott. The story follows the lives of the four March sisters (Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy) and details their passage from childhood to womanhood. We will be viewing the 2019 adaptation (PG) directed by Greta Gerwig, starring Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, and Timothée Chalamet. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

ERD Book Sale: We are now accepting books for the ERD Book Sale. There is a bin by the elevator outside the Merrifield room. Please sign up to help with setup on October 4th after the service. The sale will be held in the Merrifield room October 11-18. All proceeds will be supporting **Episcopal Relief & Development**. Sign up in the Merrifield Room to help or contact Katie Alexander at johns21k@gmail.com.

Sunday School Mentors Needed: Do you love seeing kids grow in their faith? We are looking for caring adults to serve as Sunday school mentors. You do not need to be a teacher—just someone willing to share God's love, listen, and walk alongside our youth for one Sunday every 4-8 weeks. See Barb Heany or Karen Lewis for more information.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 August 23, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$8,895** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$7,295
NonPledge Income	\$500
Capital Campaign	\$1,000

This Week at St. Paul's August 30, 2026 - September 6, 2026
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Sunday, 8/30:	9:45am	Sunday School - Hill Room
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Merrifield Room
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
Monday, 8/31:		Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.
	2:30pm	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, 9/1:		Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.
Wednesday, 9/2:		Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.
	12:00pm	Noon Book Study - Zoom
	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 9/3:		Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.
Friday, 9/4:		Roosevelt Ramp Project-No parking at St. Paul's.
		Office Closed
Saturday, 9/5:		
Sunday, 9/6:		Barb Heany Away/No Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion - Merrifield Room
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
	12:00pm	Acolyte training
	4:30pm	Dillman-Hasso CDC - Merrifield Room

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

