



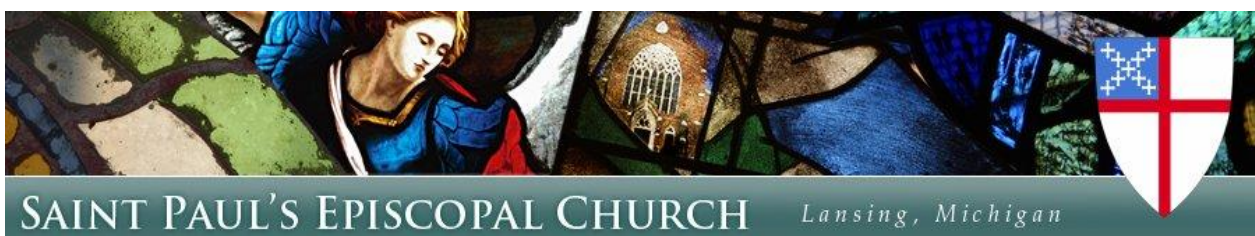
"Our Welcome"

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 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 27, 2026 Holy Eucharist

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SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH *Lansing, Michigan*

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Visitors and Guests: Please fill out a visitor card and give it to an usher or place it in the offering box. As you are leaving, we would like you to take a moment to sign one of the guest books located by the church doorways.

Opportunities for Worship

Sundays: 10:00am – Worship & Holy Communion

Parish Office: Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm. Closed on Fridays
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For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield Room.

Baptism or Marriage: Please contact the Rector at 482-9454 or by email: rector@stpaulslansing.org for more information.

Church School: Our church school for elementary through middle school begins at 9:45am. Please speak to Barb Heany for more information.

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- HOLY EUCHARIST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 - PROPER 21

PRELUDE

Aria

Emma Lou Diemer

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

All hail the power of Jesus' name

HYMN 450

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 * 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 * 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

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

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people;*
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable;*
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,*
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,*
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,*
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through;*
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day,*
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness*
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff,*
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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



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 HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 'But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He

answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

Brothers and sisters, in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Humbly, then, let us approach our God, saying, have mercy on us Lord.

Christ Jesus, strengthen our tongues to declare you as Lord of our lives. May we, your Church, especially Sean and Bonnie, glorify your Heavenly parent in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord; **have mercy on us Lord.**

Christ Jesus, you chose not to exploit your equality with God but humbled yourself to be with us. Give us your heart for the marginalized and poor. And may all people, especially those in power, follow your example of humility. Let us pray to the Lord; **have mercy on us Lord.**

Christ Jesus, by your birth in human likeness you blessed all of creation. Remind us that your feet have trod our soil and tasted our waters. Give us the will to care for this precious planet. Let us pray to the Lord; **have mercy on us Lord.**

Christ Jesus, you rule the world with love and compassion. Give to our local leaders compassion and vision that the people of your region might live as neighbors, looking out for each other's interests. Let us pray to the Lord; **have mercy on us Lord.**

Christ Jesus, you became obedient to the point of death that we might have abundant life. Work marvels in the lives of the sick and sorrowful remembering especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud _____. May they recount to generations the wonderful deeds you have done in their lives. Let us pray to the Lord; **have mercy on us Lord.**

Christ Jesus, you lived a life caring for all peoples. Grant those living in areas of war and conflict; in places that are dangerous and unlivable, strength and courage to live boldly caring for others. Let us pray to the Lord; **Have mercy on us Lord.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers by saying the following

God, you are a God of mercy, a God who does not deal with us according to our sins nor make your love contingent on our good behavior. Be merciful to your people everywhere and hear our prayers for those who are in need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - SP26LIFT

Almighty God, source of all good gifts, we are grateful for our many blessings that have been bestowed upon us, and desire to be faithful stewards of your bounty. Help us to step forward in faith and guide our hearts into generous giving so that St. Paul's Episcopal Church may remain a house of peace, safety, renewal, and outreach to the glory of your name. 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

As We Gather At Your Table

Eleanor Daley

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, we have come at your own invitation

HYMN 348



1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion
 3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,
 4 So, in the world where each du - ty as - signed us



cho - sen by you, to be coun - ted as friends:
 ev - er to cher - ish the gifts you pro - vide;
 vows are re - newed, and our cour - age re - stored:
 gives us the chance to cre - ate or des - troy,



yours is the strength that sus - tains our vo - ca - tion,
 teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
 may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing
 help us to make those de - ci - sions that bind us,



ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
 led by your Spi - rit, de - fend - er and guide.
 all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.
 Lord, to your - self, in o - be - dience and joy.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

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

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.

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.**

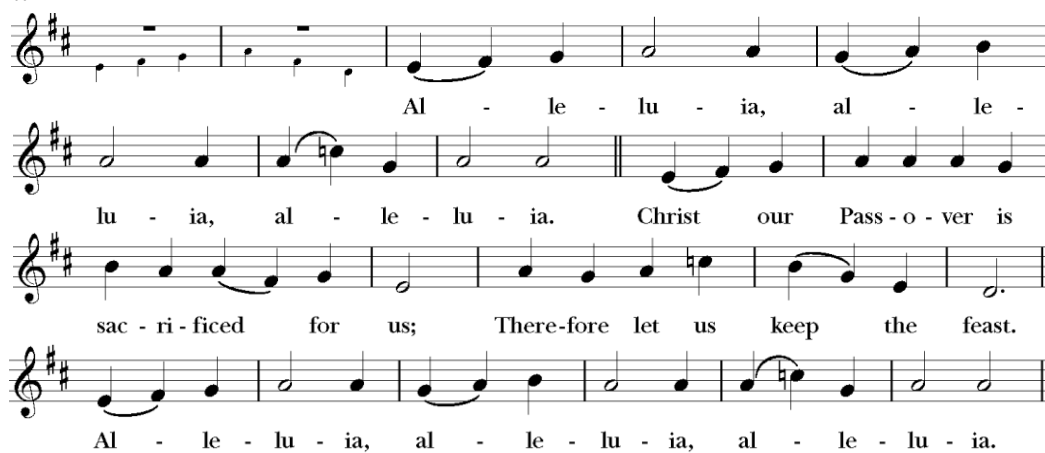
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread



INVITATION

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

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Taste and See

Anthony Doherty

COMMUNION HYMN

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

HYMN 339

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he
be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from
vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.
hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.
give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

The Officiant and People say together:

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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

Gracious Spirit, give your servants

HYMN 782WLP

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
 2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
 3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
 4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
 great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
 ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
 un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Coronation

David Schelat

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Subdeacon	Leslie Hall
Lector	AJ Walilko
Prayers of the People	Nancy Rudd
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	Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco
Coffee Hour	Dani Hilliard & Patrick Prebo
Greeters	Sally Boron
Blessing Box	Mark Rudd
Recycling Team	Bob Merriman
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Allan Boron
Vestry Person of the Day	

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Next Sunday, October 4, 2026

Crucifer	Marti Narezo
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	
Prayers of the People	
Chalice Bearers	
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Marti Narezo (chair), Carrie Freeman, Barb Heany
Ushers	Debbie Parks, Justin Alexander, David Parks, Mike Sanders
Counters	Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley
Coffee Hour	Children & Parents
Greeters	Children & Parents
Blessing Box	Allan Boron
Recycling Team	
Vestry Person of the Day	David Parks

Opportunities For Prayer
September 27, 2026

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Julie, Everett, Pat, Jim, Mike, Peter, Caroline, Jennifer, Howard, Jon, Carol, and Whitt. **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: Leslie Hall, and Dick Hamlin.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Peckham, 3410 Capital City Blvd, 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 worshiping communities: St. Peter's, Detroit; St. Luke's, Ypsilanti.

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

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
September 27, 2026 - October 4, 2026

"Tabletop Saints": Our next game night is Friday, October 9th at 6:15pm. 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. 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.

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 23, 30th. If you would like, 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.

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.

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.

Mission & Outreach Winter Coat Collection: Please join us in our effort to support the City of Lansing in their drive to provide new or lightly used (clean) winter coats for adults in the community. Collection for the drive will run September 21st through October 4th. Coats will be distributed in early November at Lansing City locations. Place your coats in the marked bin by the signup table in the Merrifield Room.

St Francis Party – October 4th: Fun, food and friends will mark the day as we celebrate Saint Francis of Assisi. There will be games and crafts and animal themed treats during our coffee hour following the worship service. The children will perform a short skit of St. Francis and the Wolf and there may even be a visit from Max the Therapy cat. We hope you can join in on the fun.

Pet Supplies Collection for Capital Area Humane Society: St. Paul's youth will be collecting pet supplies for the Capital Area Humane Society during the month of October. Things like kitty litter, cat and dog food, baby wipes, toys and dog and cat treats are a few of the things needed. You can also go to CAHS website at <https://adoptlansing.org/support/donate-items/> to get more ideas and specific needs. Thank you for your support.

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.canterburysu@gmail.com or 269.806.3489 for any questions. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EAEAD28A5FDCF8-65142631-fall>

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.

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification: Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding classes October 10th and December 12th 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: 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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Contributions Last Week: For the weeks of September 20, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$34,003** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$2,765
NonPledge Income	\$685
SP26 Lift Capital Campaign	\$30,000
Loose Offering	\$53

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.

This Week at St. Paul's September 27, 2026 – October 4, 2026

Sunday, 9/27:	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School – Downstairs
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion – Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
Monday, 9/28:		
Tuesday, 9/29:	7:00pm	Bible Study – Zoom
Wednesday, 9/30:	6:15pm	Sacraments Class & Dinner w/Karen+
	9:00pm	Compline – Zoom
Thursday, 10/01:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 10/2:		Office Closed
Saturday, 10/3:		
Sunday, 10/4:	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion w/children–Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour with children/parents
		ERD Book Sale Set Up/Merrifield Room

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



