



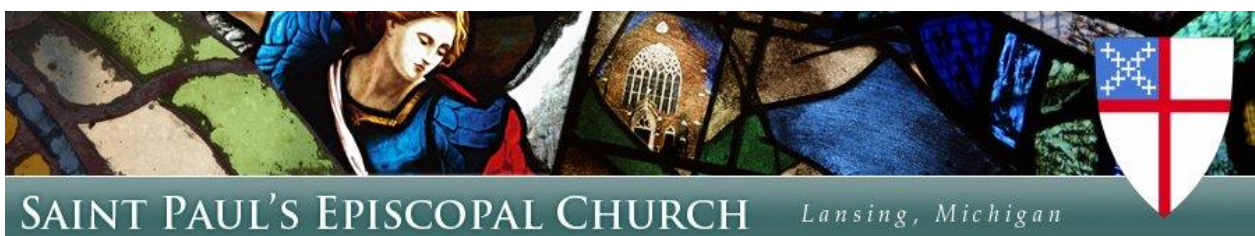
“Our Welcome”

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 Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 2026 Holy Eucharist

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH *Lansing, Michigan*

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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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Visit our website: www.stpaulslansing.org

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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- HOLY EUCHARIST
OCTOBER 18, 2026 - PROPER 24

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

All my hope on God is founded

HYMN 665

1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good-ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
* 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth

1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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

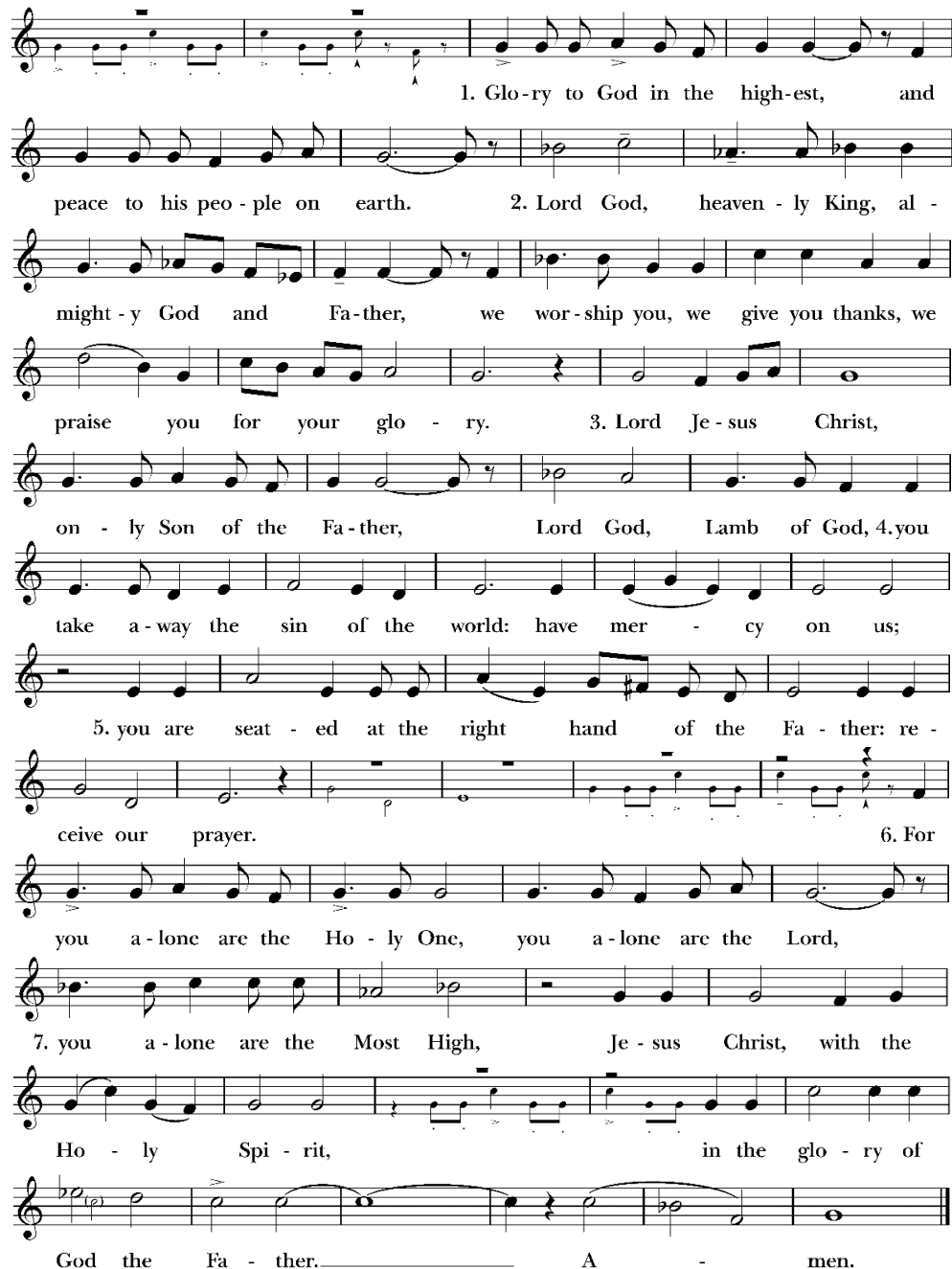
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The people sing together

GLORIA

S278



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

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 33:12-23

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses said to God, "Look, you tell me, 'Lead this people,' but you don't let me know whom you're going to send with me. You tell me, 'I know you well and you are special to me.' If I am so special to you, let me in on your plans. That way, I will continue being special to you. Don't forget, this is *your* people, your responsibility." God said, "My presence will go with you. I'll see the journey to the end." Moses said, "If your presence doesn't take the lead here, call this trip off right now. How else will it be known that you're with me in this, with me and your people? Are you traveling with us or not? How else will we know that we're special people, I and your people, among all other people on this planet Earth? God said to Moses, "All right. Just as you say; this also I will do, for I know you well and you are special to me. I know you by name." Moses said, "Please. Let me see your Glory." God said, "I will make my Goodness pass right in front of you; I'll call out the name, God, right before you. I'll treat well whomever I want to treat well and I'll be kind to whomever I want to be kind." God continued, "But you may not see my face. No one can see me and live." God said, "Look, here is a place right beside me. Put yourself on this rock. When my Glory passes by, I'll put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I've passed by. Then I'll take my hand away and you'll see my back. But you won't see my face."

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

PSALM 99

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble;*
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion;*
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;*
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;*
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;*
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,*
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;*
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;*
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;*
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

I, Paul, together here with Silas and Timothy, send greetings to the church at Thessalonica, Christians assembled by God the Father and by Jesus Christ. God's amazing grace be with you! God's robust peace! Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our master, Jesus Christ, before God our Father. It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions. You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated Jesus. Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit! – taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble. Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing Jesus' Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore – *you're* the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

In your Mercy, Lord, you called me

HYMN 706

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my
 2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by
 3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had
 grace you set me free; for my heart would
 grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thrall'd me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.
 still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.
 if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

Words: Josiah Conder (1789-1855); alt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999). Copyright © 1982, Charles P. Price. Music: *Halton Holgate*, William Boyce (1711-1779).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

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.**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need especially those on our parish prayer list, those who are hungry or homeless, those struggling with loneliness and mental challenges, victims of violence and war and those we now name either aloud or in our hearts _____. Surround them with your healing and your peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, 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

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley

OFFERTORY HYMN

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

HYMN 596

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
and the wood-lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt. Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christi. Gotteligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

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

S155

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

The Eyes of All

Timothy Flynn

COMMUNION HYMN

Let us break bread together

HYMN 325

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____
Refrain
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____
Refrain
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

HYMN 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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	Steven Kandow
Prayers of the People	Margaret Schulte
Chalice Bearers	Justin Alexander, Debbie Parks
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro
Ushers	Bob Merriman, Jack Baker, Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Counters	Margaret Schulte, Leslie Hall
Coffee Hour	Jane Bryce
Greeters	Duot Manyang Duot
Blessing Box	Marilyn Earley
Recycling Team	
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Isaac Francisco
Vestry Person of the Day	Justin Alexander

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Next Sunday, October 25, 2026

Crucifer	Jamal Dillman-Hasso
Subdeacon	Leslie Hall
Lector	Amanda Ross
Prayers of the People	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Chalice Bearers	Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Amy Wortley
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	
Greeters	
Blessing Box	Bob & Nancy Merriman
Recycling Team	
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Rachel Moore
Vestry Person of the Day	Kelly Hackett

Opportunities For Prayer October 18, 2026
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We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Julie, Everett, Pat, Jim, Mike, Jennifer, Howard, Jon, Carol, Whitt, Laurie, Leslie, Larry, and Don. **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: Jeff & Patty Irwin, and Ron & Annette Irwin.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Alcoholics Anonymous, 1915 E Michigan Ave, Suite D, Lansing MI 48912.

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: Christ Church, Grosse Pointe; St. Philip the Apostle, Santo Domingo, DR.

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

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 October 18, 2026 - October 25, 2026

ERD Book Sale: Join us for the book sale today after the service. The sale ends today. All proceeds will be supporting **Episcopal Relief & Development**.

Necrology: Each year, on the first Sunday after All Saints Day, the Necrology is included in the bulletin to remember all our loved ones who have died in the past year. If there is someone you would like to have remembered in this way, please place their name in the offering plate, call the Church office @ 482-9454, or email office@stpaulslansing.org and Submit their name by **Monday, October 26**.

If Music Be the Food – Saturday, November 14th at 7:00pm: Please join us. St. Paul's will again be hosting the concert series, "If Music Be the Food". Talented students of the MSU College of Music will be performing a varied selection of music so that we might bring nonperishable food stuffs and monies to support the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Help spread the word and invite everyone you know to be fed with music and spread a table of plenty for our community. This event is sponsored by the Tom & Jean Shawver Fund.

Faith in Film October 23rd at 6:00pm: Join us for our first Faith in Film of the 2026-2027 season. We will be showing *August Rush*. There's music in the wind and sky. Can you hear it? And there's hope. Can you feel it? The boy called August Rush can. His faith in music mysteriously draws him, penniless and alone, to New York City in a quest to find – somehow, someway – the parents separated from him years earlier. Along the way he may also find the musical genius hidden within him. "The music is all around. All you have to do is listen." Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

"Tabletop Saints": Our next game night is Friday, November 13th 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.

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.

Grateful Gathering Dinner, November 24th at 6:15pm. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room so we know how much food to prepare. We ask that you bring your favorite dessert to share. There is also a sign up for clean up.

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/10C044EAEAD28A5FD8CF8-65142631-fall>

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification: Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding classes 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.

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.

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

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.

All Saints' Celebration – November 1st: Be ready to have some Fall fun as we celebrate our Saints during the coffee hour on All Saints' Sunday. The children will represent their favorite saint in a game called "Name That Saint". There will be Christian pumpkin carving and delicious fall treats. This is Children in Worship Sunday so you will again see the children shine in their roles as worship leaders.

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

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 weeks of October 11, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$19,248** in contributions as follows:

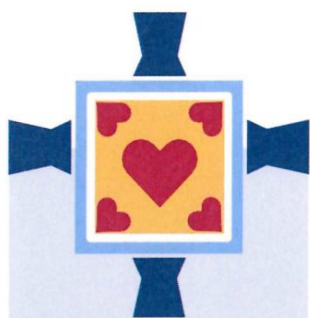
Pledge Income	\$1,165
NonPledge Income	\$200
SP26 Lift Capital Campaign	\$17,702
Loose Offering	\$81
ERD Book Sale	\$50
Memorial Restricted	\$50

This Week at St. Paul's October 18, 2026 - October 25, 2026
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Sunday, 10/18:		ERD Book Sale - Merrifield Room
		Plenty Good Room Pledge Drive Kickoff
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion-Sanctuary
	11:15am	Bible Study at Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch
	12:00pm	Drumming Session - Sanctuary
Monday, 10/19:	6:15pm	Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30pm - Hill Room
Tuesday, 10/20:	7:00pm	Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesday, 10/21:		Scott Smith working on organ
	6:15pm	Mahler Class w/Steven Kadow & Dinner - Merrifield
	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 10/22:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 10/23:		Diocesan Convention - Novi
		Office Closed
	6:00pm	Faith & Film - Merrifield Room
Saturday, 10/24:		Diocesan Convention - Novi
Sunday, 10/25:	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion-Sanctuary
	11:15am	Bible Study at Coffee Hour
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Plenty Good Room

Invitation to Thrive

Questions for Reflection:

What is something risky that you have undertaken that has paid off in the long run?



The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons is rector of Trinity Church, Seattle and serves as

Treasurer on the board of TENS.



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It's 7:45AM on a Saturday morning in May. I join 45 people gathered on a dirt lot around a table made of plywood laid over sawhorses. We sip from cups of hot coffee and someone offers a prayer. I grab workgloves from a bin and follow the sheetrock team.

The sheetrock team includes: Amelia, the future homeowner who will live here with her three children; Charlie, a retired history professor; Cameron, a pastor from another denomination. Together, we learned a new skill that day - to hang and mud sheetrock.

I kept going back to that worksite one Saturday a month until the house was built. It was a testament to community, overlapping human stories, joy, generosity, building God's kingdom on South Holly St.

Our congregations thrive because the people who sit in the pews volunteer to learn new skills and share experiences of creating a vibrant community. We know the power of having a common purpose to deepen our faith. When we open ourselves to volunteering, sharing our stories and skills, our ministry reaches far beyond what we can imagine or accomplish alone.

Will you join me in the adventure of trying something new? Meeting new people who share our core values, seeing our work build on itself and God's kingdom flourish? Would you commit to volunteer one hour a week (beyond worship time) for your church?

Yes, it's risky. It might require us to share our stories and find connections. The work we do might not be perfect by the world's standards (have you ever seen how many crooked nails are in a Habitat for Humanity house?). If we work together to create justice, make peace, spread joy to our neighbors, stand with the outcasts, the kingdom of God - where there is plenty good room for all people - will thrive. tens.org