

### Worship Notes for Visitors & Members

**Welcome to worship** - Welcome to all, and especially to our visitors, we are glad you are here today, and hope that you will worship with us again soon and often. Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate. These will aid our record-keeping. Thank you. Large print bulletins are available from an usher in the narthex. *“It is good to worship the Lord together, and to come into his presence with thanksgiving.” Psalm 95*

**Welcome children** - Jesus said “Let the children come to me.” Children are welcome and encouraged to worship here at St. Paul. We rejoice that they are among us; however, if you need it, our nursery is available at all services and you can hear the service on audio. An usher will guide you.

**St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table.** Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

There are **restrooms** located in the basement of this building and on the ground floor of the hallway leading to our fellowship hall and on each floor of the educational building.

#### PARTICIPANTS

<u>MINISTERS</u>		The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cattleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Phil Wickstrom
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Danielle McDonald
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Robb
	9:00 a.m.	Janice Boboltz
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Bruce Anschuetz
	9:00 a.m.	Cathy Kieliszewski, Don Kowalski Dennis and Lori Dziesinski
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Emily Smith
	9:00 a.m.	Alex Wickstrom
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Sue Moggie, Jessica O’Neil, Karen Wekwert, Shirley Kowalski	

*We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.*

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

celebrates and shares God’s love and compassion

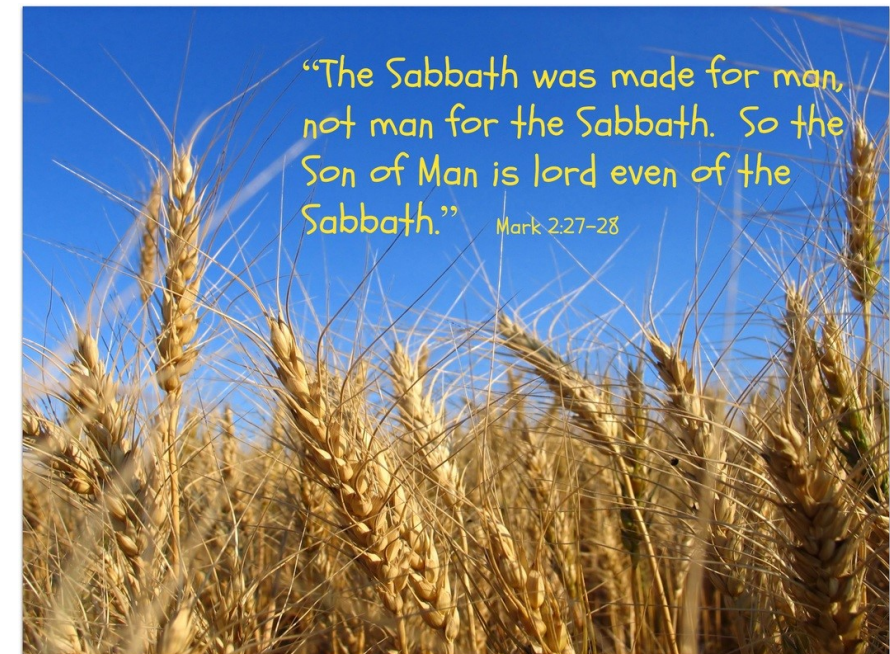
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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

Monthly Ministry Highlight:  
Men’s Dynamic Ministry



**June 1, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.**

**June 2, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 1, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.**

**June 2, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.**

*Congregational responses are printed in bold.*

**Welcome! Celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries and a time to welcome our guests. We ask that you fill out the communion card and place it in the offering plate.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(Please Stand)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**                                    “Gather Us In”                                    (Red) #532

**GREETING**

Pastor: The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**People: And also with you.**

**Our congratulations and blessings go out to all our Graduates this year!** *Our High School graduates are:* Reese Helzer, Kayla LaHaie, Ella McKenney, Bryce Moe, Ishan Sandhu and Jacob Zann. Congratulations also goes out to Joshlyn Rasmussen, who graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelors Degree in Psychology in Women and Gender Studies on April 27, 2024, and Ethan Johnson, who graduated from Alpena Community College on May 9th with an Associates in Applied Sciences for Welding. *Following the 9:00 a.m. service we will be having a cake reception in the dining room to honor our graduates. All are invited to come and celebrate our graduates and their accomplishments with us.*

**The Forget-Me-Nots will gather at the church picnic grounds at noon on Tuesday, June 4.** Please bring your lunch and a beverage. We hope to see you there!

**The Adventure Club** will be having some summer fun as they head out to Arzo Amusement Park on Sunday, June 16th, at 3:00 p.m. You must pre-register by calling the church, 989-356-1658, or on our app by Sunday, June 9th. There are some height and weight restrictions. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1—105 years old.

**The Church Rummage Sale** dates are set for June 13-15! Start thinking about what items you would like to donate. We will again be accepting clean used clothing and shoes for our sale. If you are available to help, please come set up Monday – Wednesday, June 10-12, or help with the sale, June 13-15. Questions? Call Andrea at 989-354-3651.

**The "Little's Worship Center," (nursery)** is being cleaned and we are searching for servant leaders who love babies. If you would like to help our families with babies at the 10:30 worship service, speak with Pam Laity, 586-634-9841.

**For the July 4th parade, our float theme is Faith • Family • Freedom.** We are looking for a trailer, or hay wagon, a truck, and driver to pull the float, volunteers to help decorate, tear down, ride or walk alongside of the float. We are also looking for hard candy donations (Chocolates, caramel etc. melt quickly in the heat!), small waters, or freeze pops. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

**Beatrice and David Henning will be welcoming their new baby later this month.** Please keep them in your prayers for a smooth delivery. If you would like to bless them during this time of celebration, please drop diapers or wipes at the church office.

**The Soul Sisters are kayaking every Thursday,** except the first of the month, through September, weather permitting, at 6:00 p.m. Come join us. Please contact Sue (989-354-8673) if you have any questions.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: <i>JUNE 2—9, 2024</i>	
<b>SUN.</b>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m. <i>T-Shirt/Bring a Friend Weekend</i> ; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church - 10:30 a.m.
<b>MON.</b>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>TUES.</b>	Forget-Me-Nots – 12:00; Scholarship—5:30; VBS Planning Mtg.– 5:30 p.m.; Cub Scouts–5:30; Education Committee– 5:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:15 p.m.; Boy Scouts– 6:30 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 8:30 p.m.
<b>WED.</b>	Breakfast Belles <i>Women’s Breakfast</i> (at JJ’s)–7:30; Pastor John’s Bible Study – 1:00 & 5:30 p.m.; Nena’s Bible Study – 5:30 p.m.; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m.;
<b>THURS.</b>	3M Men’s Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.; Gentle Yoga – 1:30 p.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Singles – 5:30 p.m.
<b>FRI.</b>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
<b>SAT.</b>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<b>SUN.</b>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church - 10:30

St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrates and shares God’s love and compassion.

<b>WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:</b>	Margaret Lucian – health	James Thomas - healing
Tammy Stoutenburg-unspecified need	Annette Wade – medical issues	Art Hoffmeyer- heart issues
Bodo Hanson–health issues	Laura Kieliszewski – health	Joel Foster – health concerns
Scott Brooks – health issues	John Wegmeyer – health issues	Eugene Brooks–health issues
Jack Walters – unspecified need	Karen Tovey – health issues	Judy Hand - Pneumonia
Marian Dove–unspecified need	Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	Miranda – health issues
Karen Wallace – unspecified need	Dixie Creiver – health issues	Linda Doan – health issues
David Reeves – health issues	Dena Stevens – health issues	Adam Schmidt– health issues
Dale Zielaskowski - health issues	Steve – health issues	Evelyn Hein– unspecified need

ARMED SERVICES: Katie Copping, Jake Przysiecki, Noah Hardesty, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Andrew Hein, Justin A. Smith, Maragely Hein, Amelia Berles, Josh Gapske, Nicole Stafford, Chuck Dziedzic, and Dale Kirkendoll.

*(Prayer is the best medicine and we are prepared to pray indefinitely for folks. Would you please help the church office keep our list current? Unless we know otherwise, our normal practice is to remove names after a month. Thank you for your partnership in prayer.)*

**We remember our prayer partners** in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Portage, Rev. Martha Porter-Reid

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Garage Sale Crew.

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of Thomas Cassell, who joined our Lord in eternity May 23, 2024. His funeral was held at McWilliams Funeral Home on Friday, May 31, 2024.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given in celebration of the Wedding Anniversary of Chuck and Katrina Schweinsberg.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF APRIL</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (05/25)	5:30 p.m.	49	Income	25,334.44	106,408.73
Sunday (05/26)	9:00 a.m.	59	Expenses	20,929.81	120,047.30
	10:30 a.m.	<u>40</u>	Difference	4,404.63	(13,638.57)
Total		148			

**The June Service Activity is the Alpena Baby Pantry.** Items needed: Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby powder, shampoo, lotion, formula, baby food, cereal, juice, clothing, and bedding. Please leave items on the altar. Thank you for your generosity.

**Pastor John and Miss Nena have planned Summer Educational Opportunities that will run June 5<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.** Pastor John’s classes will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and 5:30 p.m. and Miss Nena’s class will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Pastor John is holding a Bible Study on “The Lost Gospels of Jesus” and Miss Nena will lead a Book Study on “Lessons I Learned in the Dark” by Jennifer Rothschild. Please join us.

**St. Paul’s Eucharistic Ministry:** We have trained Eucharistic Ministers who will take communion kits to shut-ins on a regular basis. Questions? Contact Esther Kindt at 471-2274.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>For six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 81:-10 (Read Responsively)**

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.  
**Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.**  
Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.  
**For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.**  
He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a voice I had not known:  
**‘I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.**  
In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.  
**Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**  
There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.  
**I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)**

<sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.  
<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down,

but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 2:23-3:6**

<sup>23</sup> One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

(Red) #389

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

**Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -**  
**one what God has done. Let all who seek the**  
**Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.**

they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?’<sup>25</sup> And he said to them, ‘Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food?’<sup>26</sup> He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.’<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, ‘The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath;’<sup>28</sup> so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.’<sup>3:1</sup> Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.<sup>2</sup> They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him.<sup>3</sup> And he said to the man who had the withered hand, ‘Come forward.’<sup>4</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?’ But they were silent.<sup>5</sup> He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.<sup>6</sup> The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children’s Message**

“This Little Light of Mine”  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

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*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Decisions”

Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Is Here!”

(Red) #526

**Honoring Graduates**

**Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed**  
**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.  
\*Universal**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

*(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise . . . *(concluding)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My  
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi

heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.  
cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to\_e - res Se - ñor.

**EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**People: 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*(Pleased be seated)*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Christ is both the host and the meal. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good. Those not receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. There is grape juice for those who prefer it.

"Lamb of God"