

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 Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Burton
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Joan Smolinski
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Bruce Anschuetz
	9:00 am.	Steve and Andrea Dutcher
		Richard Miller, Ryan Panknin
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Emily Smith
	9:00 a.m.	Odessa Morrison
<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

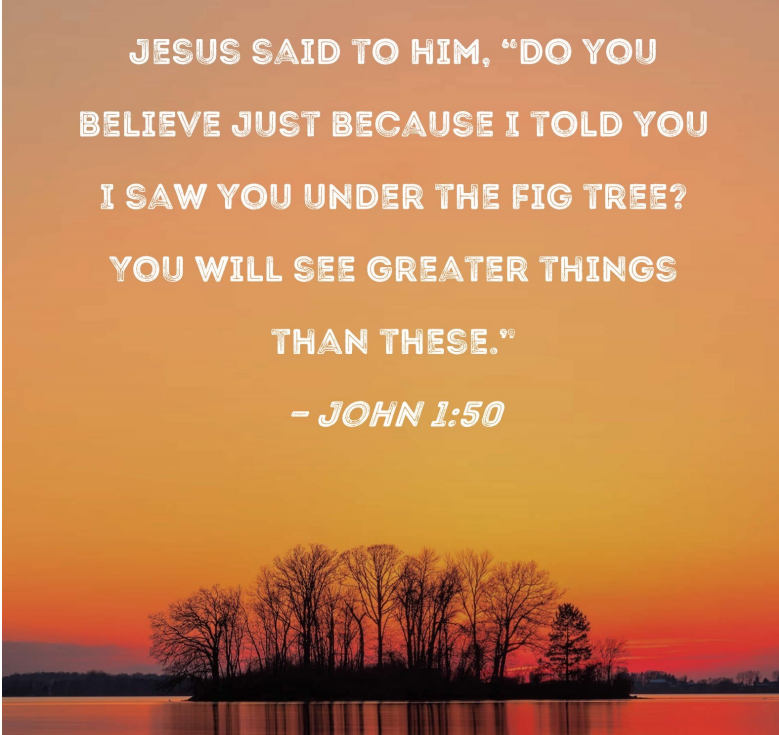
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Stephen Ministry



JESUS SAID TO HIM, "DO YOU
BELIEVE JUST BECAUSE I TOLD YOU
I SAW YOU UNDER THE FIG TREE?
YOU WILL SEE GREATER THINGS
THAN THESE."
- JOHN 1:50

January 13, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
January 14, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

All are invited to our January Video Educational Experience on January 17th at 6:00 p.m (Rescheduled from last week, due to weather). We will be watching “Breakthrough” and a meal will be provided with discussion throughout. Come join us!

The Adventure Club will be going bowling on January 21st! We will meet at Thunder Bowl Lanes from 1:00—3:00. Sign up on the app or call the office. Bring your spirit of adventure and hope as you explore and share your faith through fun, adventure, and food within this intergenerational educational experience. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1-105 years old.

Join Mark Jackson and David Miller for a Thrivent workshop on Investments and Financial Planning on Wednesday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for this informative workshop. Call the church 989- 356-1658, to sign up or if you have any questions.

Mark your calendars for our next Women’s Retreat on Friday, January 26th. Our theme is “Vision of Leadership for Women.” The event will take place at 1921 Long Rapids Road and there is no cost associated with this event. We will explore God’s promises for community and fellowship for women. Ages 18 – 100 are invited to discover God’s faithfulness in your faith journey.

The Scholarship Committee is grateful to those that have brought in their bottle returns, we ask that you keep them coming! The bottle returns can be placed in the janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre Street side, there is a sign on the door to prevent confusion.

The January Service Activity is Alpena High School. Items needed: Boys gym shorts (all sizes), boys tank tops (all sizes), mechanical pencils, backpacks, girls’ bras (size A & B). Please leave items on the altar. Thank you for your generosity.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 14 - 21, 2024	
SUN.	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.
MON.	Newsletter Deadline; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A.—5:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
TUES.	Ray of Sonshine – 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Air Rifle – 5:30 p.m.; Senior Leaders—5:30 p.m.; Church Council—6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
WED.	Breakfast Belles Women’s Breakfast (at JJ’s)—7:30 a.m.; Kitchen Krew—10:00 a.m.; “Breakthrough” Movie Night-6:00
THURS.	3M Men’s Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Air Rifle - 5:30 p.m.; Yoga - 5:30
FRI.	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Alpena Line Dance Club—5:00 p.m.
SAT.	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.; Pasta Dinner—following service
SUN.	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; The Adventure Club Bowling—1:00—3:00 p.m.

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

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 13, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
January 14, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Kevin Langerfield - recovery Don Urban Sr.—health needs
Tammy Stoutenburg-unspecified need Annette Wade – medical issues Art Hoffmeyer – heart issues
Danielle Lawrence – health issues Bodo Hanson—health issues Tom Woizeschke— health issues
Barbara Carlson –unspecified need John Wegmeyer – health issues Eugene Brooks—health issues
Marty & Liz Smith – home sells Alisha Freese - illness Sutton Badder—unspecified need
Jake Shipman – accident Marian Dove— unspecified need Phyllis Robb - unspecified need
Karen Wallace – unspecified need Dolores Libka—unspecified need Ann Haske - health issues

(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: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lansing, Rev. Matthew Smith and Rev. John Burow.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for Forget-Me-Nots Women's Group.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in honor of our 69th Wedding Anniversary – Iris and Robert Arthur.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF OCTOBER</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (01/06)	5:30 p.m.	63	Income	25,620.92	266,579.91
Sunday (01/07)	9:00 a.m.	59	Expenses	<u>26,162.41</u>	<u>288,926.06</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>26</u>	Difference	(541.49)	(22,346.15)
Total		148			

The Forget-Me-Nots will gather on Saturday, January 20 at 2:00 pm to attend a special event to honor the Girl Scouts of America at the Jesse Besser Museum. Our troop from St. Paul will be represented. If you have not visited the Museum recently, this will be a good time to tour the museum and also support the Girl Scout troop affiliated with St. Paul.

Save the date – Saturday, January 20th! The Stewardship Committee will again be hosting a PASTA NIGHT following the Saturday 5:30 p.m. service. Plan to come and enjoy good food, fellowship, and fun. A Chinese auction and 50/50 raffle will be part of the evening. If anyone would like to donate raffle items, please contact Dennis or Lori Dzieszinski at 989-464-7112 or 989-590-8568.

Council packets have been sent out electronically. Printed copies will be available at Tuesday's meeting.

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

Welcome! Celebrations of birthdays, Anniversaries and a time to welcome our guests. The offering will be received at the back and front of the church building. We ask that you fill out the communion card and place it in the offering plate in the front or back of the church before you depart the church.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please Stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. 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.**

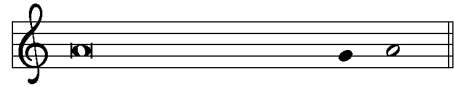
GATHERING HYMN “Will You Come and Follow Me” (Red) #798

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.

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



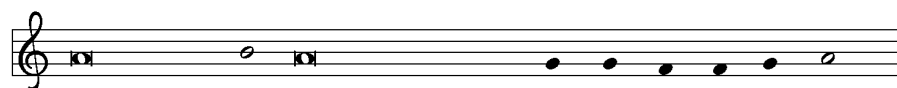
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

SERMON NOTES

“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.
 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: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

(Red) #574

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
 Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
 free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and
 strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the
 hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (Read Responsively)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

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”

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

(Please stand)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also 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

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. **Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end -I am still with you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)

¹²“All things are permitted for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are permitted for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for sexual immorality but for the Lord and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun sexual immorality! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

Children’s Message

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know
 For the Bible tells me so
 Little ones to Him belong
 They are weak but He is strong
 Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me
 Yes Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so

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(Please be seated)

SERMON

“How Do You Know”

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

(Red) #810

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

God of grace,
 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. Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**