

### 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.	Phil Wickstrom
	9:00 a.m.	Shirely Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Phil Wickstrom
	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Burton
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce, Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Laurie Stafford
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 am.	Paul Kieliszewski, Roy Wekwert Dennis & Lori Dziesinski
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Alex Wickstrom
	9:00 a.m.	Odessa Morrison
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cantleberry, Pat Cornelius, Carol Kindt

*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:  
Women's Dynamic Ministry



**May 18, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.**

**May 19, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.**

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Day of Pentecost

May 18, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

May 19, 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 wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.**

**The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.**

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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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** "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

(Red) #400

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.

The S.A.L.T. (Sisters Abiding in Light & Truth) ladies will have their next gathering at Duck Park on Sunday, May 19 from 4:00–6:00. We will walk around the area and then have a dessert at a local restaurant. The gathering is free. If you are interested in this ministry event please contact Rachel Techel (989-255-1901) or Danielle (616-322-7958).

Attention all men! The 3M Men's Group will be doing some clean up at the church picnic grounds on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, right after the men's breakfast. We are looking for input so we can improve the driveway for camping. So, mark your calendars and join us for breakfast, fellowship and service.

Ready for some spring fun? Team up with the Adventure Club at the Cathro Ball Fields for a friendly afternoon of kickball, hotdogs, chips, soda, and enjoyment on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. For directions contact Karen, 989-464-0204. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1-105 years old.

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.

We will celebrate T-Shirt Weekend on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please don your favorite St. Paul Ev. Lutheran T-Shirt and wear it proudly in worship.

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 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. Questions? Call Andrea at 989-354-3651.

The Soul Sisters are kayaking every Thursday, except the first of the month, through September, weather permitting, at 5:30 p.m. Come join us. Please contact Sue (989-354-8673) if you have any questions.

We are looking for a leader and team members for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade float. Call the church office to volunteer.

#### WEEK AT A GLANCE: MAY 19–26, 2024

<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children's Church - 10:30; Forget-Me-Nots – Music Man – 2:00 p.m.; The Adventure Club (Cathro Ball Fields) – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; S.A.L.T. meeting at Duck Park—4:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00; E.T.A.—5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Cub Scouts – 5:30; Air Rifle–5:30 p.m.; Senior Leaders – 5:30 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts–6:30 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 8:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles <i>Women's Breakfast</i> (at JJ's)–7:30; Choir – 6:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	3M Men's Breakfast–7:00 a.m.; 3M Men's Picnic Grounds Clean-Up – after breakfast; Stitched Together – 11:00 a.m.; Gentle Yoga–1:30 p.m.; Chair Yoga–3:00 p.m.; Air Rifle Team- 5:30; Soul Sisters Kayaking – 5:30
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	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
Laurie Stafford – health issues	Karen Tovey – health issues	Judy Hand - Pneumonia
Chad Hamill – health issues	Marian Dove–unspecified need	Phyllis Robb-unspecified need
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	Margaret Tolan family
Miranda – health issues	Evelyn Hein – unspecified need	

*(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: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Petoskey, Rev. Sherry McGuffin

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Eucharistic Ministers.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Ken, on their wedding anniversary, from June.

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of Fred Woolman, who joined our Lord in eternity May 11, 2024. His funeral service was held May 17<sup>th</sup> at Huron Shores Fellowship.

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of Emil Newhouse, who joined our Lord in eternity May 14, 2024. His funeral service will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF MARCH</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (05/11)	5:30 p.m.	62	Income	36,775.41	81,074.29
Sunday (05/12)	9:00 a.m.	68	Expenses	39,678.80	98,834.08
	10:30 a.m.	<u>47</u>	Difference	(2,903.39)	(17,759.79)
Total		177			

**The May Service Activity is Hope Shores Alliance.** Items needed: Paper products, trash bags (large 13 gallon leaf and lawn and contractor bags), laundry detergent, art and crafts sets for children, school supplies, gift cards, Forever stamps. Please see our app or website for a complete list and leave your items on the altar. Thank you.

**Rachael and Phil Techel will be welcoming their new daughter 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 office or contact Joan 989-356-0122 to coordinate some freezer meals for this young family.

**Next weekend we will collect the noisy offering,** which will support children in foster care to attend summer camp. Do not forget to bring your change!

**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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit’s flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’ <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’

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

**PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22 (Read Responsively)**

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

**The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.**

From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—

**he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.**

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

**to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.**

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

**Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17, 22-27 (Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)**

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

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: Shepherd God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“Spirit of Gentleness”

(Red) #396

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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**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**

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

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. John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL READING: John 7:37-39**

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”’ <sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

**Children’s Message** **“I Love to Tell the Story”**

I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory

To tell the old old story  
Of Jesus and His love

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*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Are You Thirsty”

Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

(Red) #399

**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,  
hear 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. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **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

C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C  
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  
F G C Am F G<sup>7</sup> C  
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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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.**