

### 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.

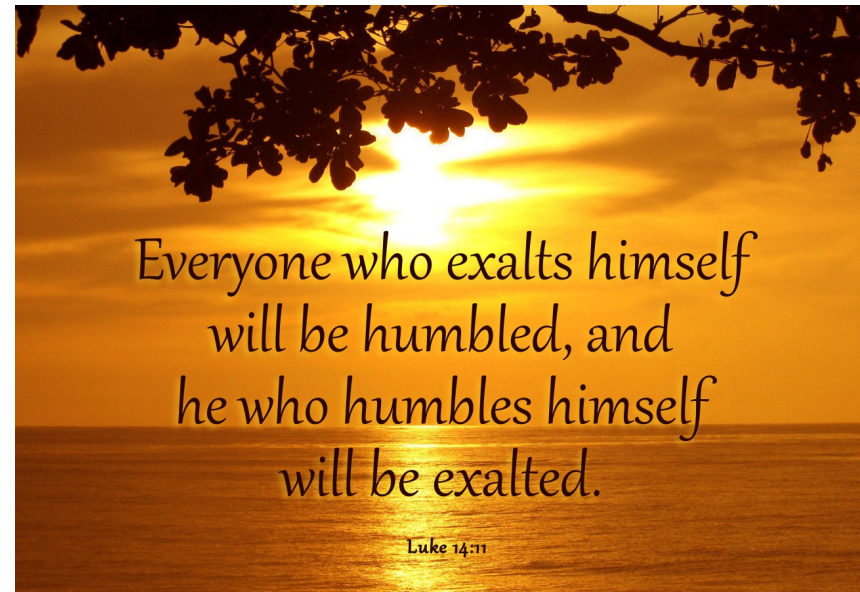
There are **restrooms** located in the basement of this building and on the ground floor of the hallway leading to our fellowship hall and on each floor of the educational building.

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	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	
<u>MINISTERS</u>		The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Gail Atkins
	9:00 a.m.	Esther Kindt
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m.	Justin and Ashley MacKay
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Cindy Tchorzynski
	9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak, Jeff Ciupka Nancy St. Onge, Owen Werth
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan McDonald
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Patti Byce and Laurie Stafford

*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*



**August 27, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**August 28, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 27, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**August 28, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

*Congregational responses are printed in bold; Additional items for the 9:00 a.m. service only are printed in blue.)*

**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, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** “Oh, Praise the Gracious Power” (Red) #651

**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.**

**Worship on the Beach August 27 at 7:00 P.M.** This service will proclaim the gospel and celebrate the promises of God outdoors. You are invited to bring a friend, a beverage of choice, a lawn chair, snacks and a joyful spirit. Saturday Night services will continue at 5:30. We will carpool from the church and travel to the beach property at 6:30. The service and time of fellowship will last from 7:00-9:00. If there is rain, we will reschedule.

**Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a Fireside Chat on August 28 from 5:00-7:00.** We will sit by the firepit by the river (or in the house or gazebo) and talk about life, hope, grace and the love of God. This is a gift from Nena and I so nothing is required to be part of this experience. Come for 15 minutes or for 2 hours.

**Reminder: Your annual group reports and budgets are due to the office by September 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**The Forget-Me-Nots** will meet next on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at the church picnic grounds for a time of fellowship. Bring your own picnic lunch and beverage. Hope to see you there! Call Ann with any questions, (989) 590-2055.

**Come join us for weekend Fellowship.** On Saturday Night we meet before the service at 4:30 for coffee and baked goods until 5:20. Fellowship for the 9:00 service and the 10:30 service will occur in-between the service time. Everyone is invited to join us.

**SAVE THE DATE! The Harvest Dinner will be on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Plan now to attend this event and enjoy great fellowship and a delicious meal. The donation sheet is enclosed in the bulletin.

**The Safe Talk training will take place on September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.** The class should take about 3 ½ hours for the presentations concerning suicide intervention. The participants will need to preregister via Eventbrite. People in attendance must be at least 15 years old (15-17 year old must have parental approval). There will be availability for more people so please contact the office if you are interested in this training.

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2022</b>	
<b>SUN.</b>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; Fireside Chat (1921 Long Rapids Road) – 5:00 p.m.
<b>MON.</b>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.
<b>TUES.</b>	Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<b>WED.</b>	Soul Sisters Kayaking – 6:00 p.m.
<b>THURS.</b>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) – 7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Singles@St. Paul – 6:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 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>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00; Fellowship – 10:00; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Zay, Shirley Jones, Sandra Christopherson, Lisa Hilberg, Larkin Kerby, George & Dena Stevens, Harrison Hoppe, Susan Kaiser, William Taylor, John Wegmeyer, Eleanor Sumerix, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Myra Gapske, Meredith (Colby) Smith, Peter Roznowski, Dorothy LaFleche, Sally Barney, Donna Kowalski, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Lori Ludwig, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Don Kirschner, Bodo Hanson, Roy Sommerfeld, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Audrey Reck, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. *We also remember our homebound members.* They are: Geraldine Wyman, Harriet Burke, Virginia Kraft, Deb Lange, Phyllis Robb, and Delores Stevens. *(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: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Rose City, Rev. Nan Dehnke.

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of Joan Straley who joined our Lord in eternity on August 16, 2022. Her memorial service will be August 28 at 4:00 p.m. at McWilliams Funeral Home.

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of Virginia Beaulieu who joined our Lord in eternity August 19, 2022. Her funeral service was held at Bannan Funeral Home on August 23, 2022.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given in honor of Maxine Miller on her birthday from Jane Ann and family, and Jim and Doreen and family.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF JUNE</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (08/20) 5:30 p.m.	43	Income 28,881.40	158,352.75
Sunday (08/21) 9:00 a.m.	48	Expenses <u>27,763.66</u>	<u>160,330.90</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>13</u>	Difference 1,117.74	(-1,978.15)
Total	104		

The **N/W Lower MI WELCA Synod Mini Retreat** will be held on Saturday, September 24, at Immanuel Lutheran Church located at 727 Fuller Ave., Big Rapids, Michigan. There will be fellowship opportunities, election of officers, Bible Study, lunch and a worship service. The cost is \$10 payable at the door. Please RSVP to Ann Rundhaug at 231-938-1607 or [prund@freeway.net](mailto:prund@freeway.net).

**Our August Service Activity is Besser Elementary School.** They need children's clothing and school supplies. Please leave items on the altar. Thank you.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 112 (Read Responsively)**

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

**Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

**The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

(Red) #836

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

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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 - jice 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.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Exalted”

Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

(Red) #523

**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 prayers.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**OFFERING IS BEING RECEIVED IN THE BACK & THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

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

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

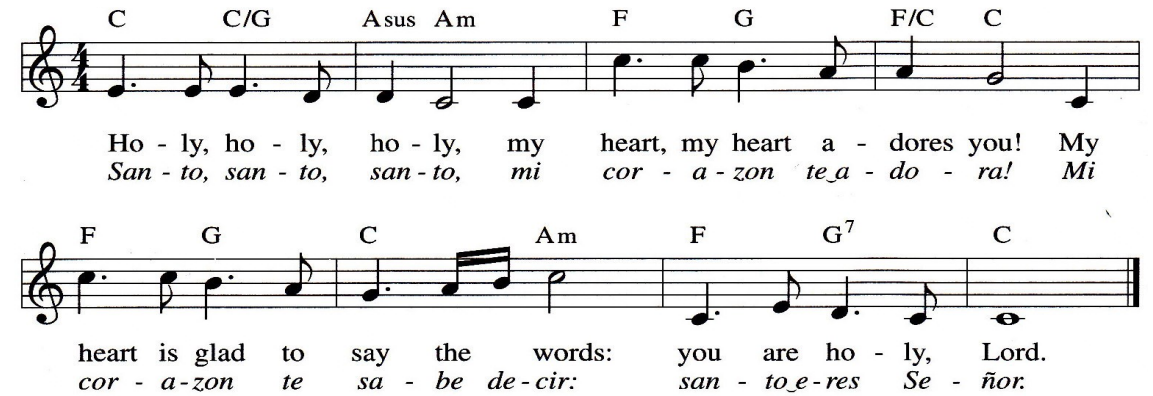
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The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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**

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

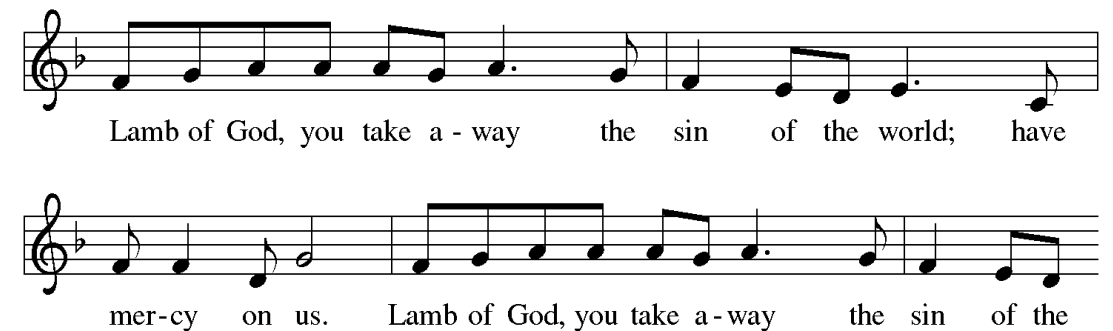
**People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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"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