

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.	Scott Parkham
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Cathy Kieliszewski
<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, Tim Moggie
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Evan Peterson
	9:00 a.m.	Alex Wickstrom
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Carol Kindt and Marty Cantleberry

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:
Christian Education

And a voice came out of
the cloud, saying, This is
My Son, the Chosen
One. Hear Him!

Luke 9:35

And a cloud appeared,
overshadowing them,
and a voice came out of
the cloud: This is My
Son, the Beloved. Hear
Him!

Mark 9:7

February 10, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

February 11, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

The Adventure Club will host Karaoke on February 18th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. We will be singing Karaoke and dancing. Come, be part of this wonderful expression of fun within this intergenerational educational experience. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1-105 years old.

Pastor John and Miss Nena have planned Lent Educational Opportunities that will run February 14th – March 20th. Pastor John’s Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and Miss Nena’s class will also meet on Thursdays at 5:30 PM. Pastor John will hold a Book Study on “Let Go, Let God” by John E. Keller and Miss Nena will lead a Book Study on “Chasing Vines: Finding Your Way to an Immensely Fruitful Life” DVD by Beth Moore. Please, sign up online or call the church office. Thanks.

Join us for our next Couples Retreat on Friday, February 16th. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. 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 couples. Ages 18 – 100 are invited to discover God’s faithfulness in your faith journey.

We are hoping towards spring and the Easter Egg Hunt open to the community. Donations of candy and Family friendly baskets for the raffle can be dropped at the office. Thank you for your help.

Don’t miss this unique opportunity! The Stephen Ministry Program is looking for caring men and women to train and become Stephen Ministers. Training will begin soon. More information will be available after every worship service February 17-18. Please join the Stephen Leaders in the lounge after one of the services to receive more information about the program. We need you!

The Soul Sisters will be going out to dinner on Tuesday, February 27th. Please join us at Mangos at 5:30 p.m. Please call Shirley Jones (989-464-6472) by February 23rd if you are able to join us.

Life Line Screening, the nation’s leading provider of preventive health screenings will offer non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Friday, March 22nd. A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered for \$149.00. Please call 1-800-640-6307 to register or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC. Currently, there are two complimentary discount tickets available.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: FEBRUARY 11 – 18, 2024	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Ch – 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches -9:00 a.m.; Stephen Ministry – 10:00 a.m.; Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – 4:30 p.m.; Stewardship– 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts– 5:30 p.m.; Air Rifle– 5:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts– 6:30
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles Women’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:30 a.m.; AARP Taxes- 8:00; Lent Soup & Service – 12:00 p.m.; Book Study – PJ – 1:00 p.m.; Choir Practice – 4:30 p.m.; Ecumenical Service at Grace Lutheran – 7:00 p.m., preceded by a Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Newsletter Deadline; 3M Men’s Breakfast–7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga–3:00 p.m.; Air Rifle Team-5:30; Recovery Yoga– 5:30 p.m.; Book Study– Pastor John – 5:30 p.m.; Book Study – Nena – 5:30
<u>FRI.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Alpena Line Dance Club–5:00 p.m.; Dynamic Duo Couples Retreat – 6:00 p.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 & Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; Adventure Club Karaoke – 1:00 p.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:	Bill Hoppe – health issues	Karen Wekwert - healing
Tammy Stoutenburg-unspecified need	Annette Wade – medical issues	Art Hoffmeyer- heart issues
Danielle Lawrence – health issues	Bodo Hanson–health issues	Tom Woizeschske–health issues
Barbara Carlson –unspecified need	John Wegmeyer – health issues	Eugene Brooks–health issues
Marty & Liz Smith – home sells	Bill Kimball – health issues	Rosalie Turske – health issues
Marian Dove– unspecified need	Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	Gary Billeneuve – health issues
Karen Wallace – unspecified need	Dolores Libka–unspecified need	Ann Haske – health issues
Cameron – health issues	Evelyn Green - surgery	Brandon Urban – health issues
Adam Schmidt – health issues	Hazel Bonnard – health issues	Doreen Britton – health issues
Ken Hemming – 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: Victory Trinity Lutheran Church, Ludington, Rev. Ron Iris (UMC)

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for Children's Church.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Norman Pike who joined our Lord in eternity on February 2, 2024.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given to the glory of God.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>END OF DECEMBER</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (02/03) 5:30 p.m. 63	Income 69,165.77	367,522.95
Sunday (02/04) 9:00 a.m. 69	Expenses <u>31,919.18</u>	<u>349,656.86</u>
10:30 a.m. 36	Difference 37,246.59	17,866.09
Total 168		

The February Service Activity is Hinks Elementary School. Items needed: Girl socks (sizes 10-3), ladies sock (sizes 5-10), Playdoh, red pens, dry erase markers, scotch tape rolls, 3 ring binders (smaller size – 1/2" or 3/4"), and Velcro. Thank you for your generosity. Please leave items on the altar.

The Church will celebrate Shove Tuesday with a Pancake Supper on Tuesday February 13th from 4:30-6:30 PM. It will have sausage as well. Everyone is invited and there will be a free will offering. Our Education and Cub Scout Pack 3092 are sponsoring the event.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is helping seniors with their taxes. St. Paul Lutheran Church will sponsor their efforts again this year by allowing this agency to use part of our building. You may schedule an appointment by calling 989-278-8104.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. There will be two opportunities for you to worship that day:
* 12:25 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with a Lenten Soup preceding the service at 12:00 p.m.
* 7:00 p.m. at the Ecumenical Service at Grace Lutheran Church. There will be a soup supper beginning at 6:00 preceding the service. The imposition of ashes and Holy Communion will be part of both services.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 10, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

February 11, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

(Red) #631

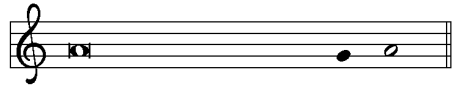
GREETING

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*)

SERMON NOTES



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.



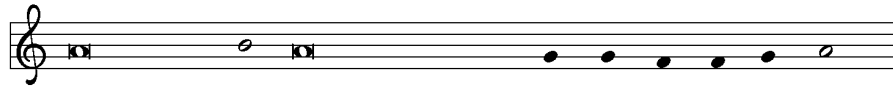
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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 “We Are Marching in the Light” (Red) #866

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. Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

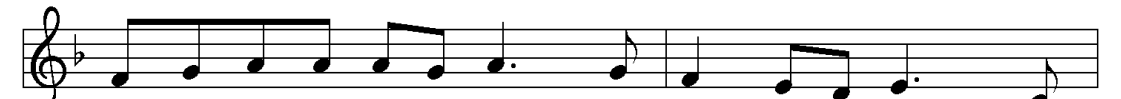
FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹ Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?’ And he said, ‘Yes, I know; keep silent.’


⁴ Elijah said to him, ‘Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?’ And he answered, ‘Yes, I know; be silent.’

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.


⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.’ Elisha said, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.’ ¹⁰ He responded, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.




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.

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 G⁷ 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.

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"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6 (Read Responsively)

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3 - 6 (Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ 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.

The Word of the Lord.

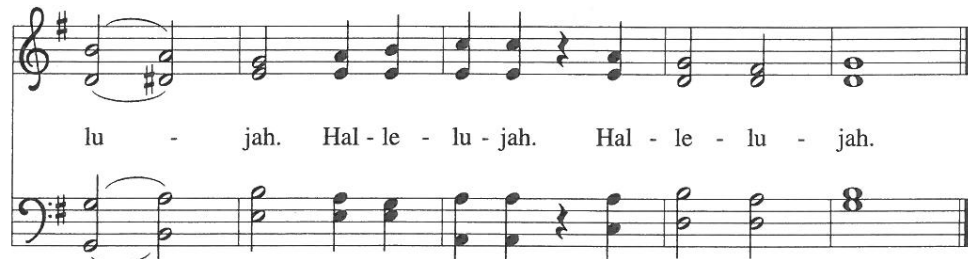
Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

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

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



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

“Transfigured”

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ, Be Our Light”

(Red) #715

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.**

(Please stand)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

