

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.

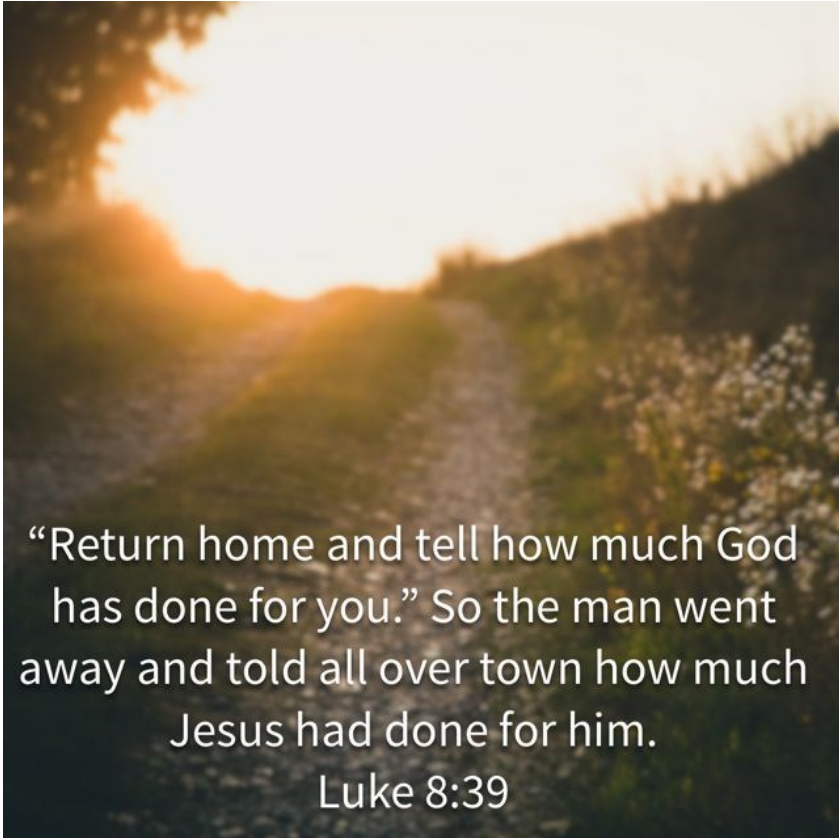
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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.

<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.	Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m.	Cathy Kieliszewski
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce, Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Laurie Stafford
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 a.m.	Owen Werth, Kathy Burton Nancy Smithem, Tim Moggie
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan McDonald
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Shirley Kowalski, Sue Moggie, Jessica O’Neil, Karen Wekwert	

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



June 18, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
June 19, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 18, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
June 19, 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. 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 “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.

C.I.A. (Youth Group) Bowling & Pizza Event! All teens 6th-12th grade are invited to a bowling and pizza event, June 29th from 5:30-8. Two hours of play, shoe rentals, and pop/pizza will be provided. Come enjoy a little indoor fun! You need to RSVP by June 26, to Danielle McDonald 616-322-7958 or to the church. Thanks.

The June Service Activity is the Baby Pantry. Items needed: Diapers (all sizes), formula, baby food, wipes, and bath supplies. Please place your items on the altar.

The Soul Sisters will be going kayaking again on June 22nd at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. Check Facebook or emails for location. Come join us and bring a friend! **Also, save the date for a Soul Sisters Get Together on July 13th** at Nancy Smithem’s house. More details to follow.

Worship on the Beach. We will celebrate the final Saturday of each month (June 25, July 30, August 27 and September 24) at 7:00 P.M. 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 for a Fireside Chat in June on the 26th 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 (no agenda). 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.

The Forget-Me-Knots will next meet at noon on Tuesday, July 12 at the church picnic grounds for a time of fellowship. Please bring your own lunch and beverage. We will discuss attending the Civic Theatre production of "Church Basement Ladies, Away in the Basement" on Sunday, July 31 at 2:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, we will have a sign-up sheet and collect \$14 for your ticket. Hope you can join us. Please call Ann Hardesty (989) 590-2055, if you have a question.

If you would like to make further donations to the Cancer Center, for patients undergoing treatment we are needing packaged nuts, crackers with peanut butter or cheese, rice crispy treats, candy bars, Jolly Rancher hard candies, oatmeal packets, pudding snacks. Please drop them off at Miss Nena’s office.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JUNE 19–26, 2022	
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC– 9:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church–10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Parade Work Day – 2:00–4:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Senior Leaders – 5:00 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Gnomes – 6:00; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Christian Basics Book Study – 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Soul Sister’s Kayaking Event – 6:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) –7:00 a.m.; Stitched Together – 11:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga - 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; “Gideon Your Weakness, God’s Strength” Book Study – 5:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Tech Talk - 3:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.; Worship on the Beach – 7:00 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church–10:30 a.m.; Fireside Chat (at Shipman’s house) – 5:00 p.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Dorothy LaFleche, Sally Barney, Richard Miller, Donna Kowalski, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Keeley Knapp, Denise, Lori Ludwig, William Taylor, Marlene Bartz, Gordie Montroy, John Wegmeyer, Alan Kelsey, Lexi Liske, Geraldine Rhoads, Gary Rich, 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. *(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. Joan Herbon

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the *A Taste from Home Ministry*.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF APRIL</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (06/11) 5:30 p.m.	59	Income 29,678.30	106,942.88
Sunday (06/12) 9:00 a.m.	45	Expenses <u>25,277.11</u>	<u>107,252.88</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>25</u>	Difference 4,401.19	(-310.00)
Total	129		

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Louis Kindt, who joined our Lord in eternity June 13, 2022. His memorial service was held June 17th at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in honor of Skeeter & Val Urban on their 30th Wedding Anniversary, June 19th. They are celebrating in the UP with their children.

Join us for our Summer Educational Opportunities, which run June 1st through July 14th. Pastor John is holding a Book Study on Christian Basics by Dorothy & Gabriel Fackre and Miss Nena is leading a Bible Study on “Gideon Your Weakness, God’s Strength,” by Priscilla Shirer. Each class length is 1 hour. Pastor John’s class meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 and 5:30 PM and Miss Nena’s class meet on Thursdays at 5:30 PM.

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church is now a drop-off location for donations to help the people in Gaylord. If you would like to assist the residents in Gaylord, after their community was devastated by a Tornado, the Otsego County United Way is looking for donations. They are currently looking for: chap stick, sunblock, cleaning supplies (household cleaners, wipes, paper towels, etc.), garbage bags, phone chargers, laundry detergent, and gift cards of any denomination. Drop off donations at the church 9:00-4:00, Monday–Friday, room 205.

Many hands make light work, please join us for our first **Parade work day on Monday, June 20, at 2-4 pm** as we begin the parade float decorating.

Council packets have been sent out electronically. Printed copies will be available at the meeting.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs and spend the night in secret places; who eat the flesh of pigs, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, “Keep to yourself; do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,” so I will do for my servants’ sake and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28 (Read Responsively)

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescue me.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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 -
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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: 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

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

(Red) #860

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
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.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

²⁶ Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Break the Chains”

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

(Red) #843

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 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

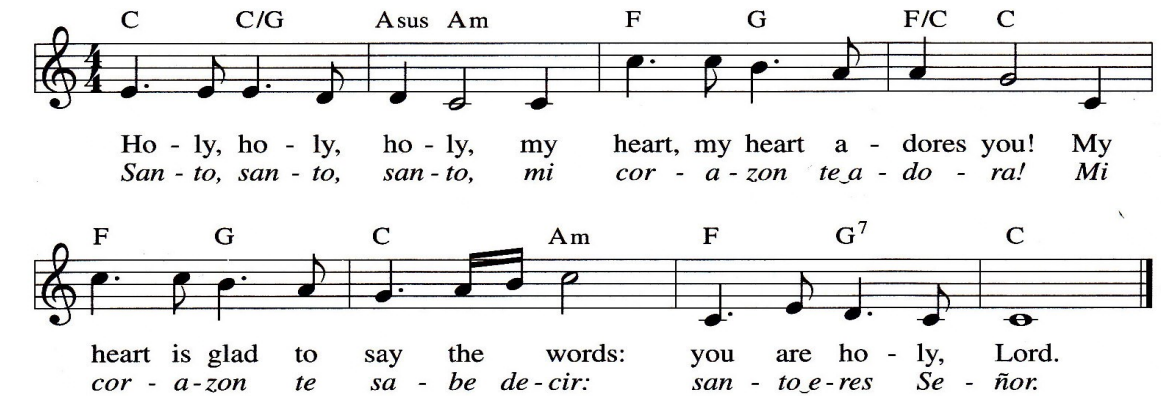
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The Lord be with you. And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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.
 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

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"