

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.	Cathy Kieliszewski
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Robb
	9:00 a.m.	Janice Boboltz
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 a.m.	Roy Wekwert, Steve & Andrea Dutcher
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Evan Peterson
	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<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



November 4, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
November 5, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.



GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
All Saints Sunday
November 4, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
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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, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. 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 “For All the Saints” (Red) #422, vs. 1-3

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them

The November Service Activity is Thunder Bay Jr High School. Items needed: Small Healthy Pre-packaged Snacks, Clothing (black leggings/sweatpants, tee-shirts-unisex, sweatshirts/warmer sweaters; School Supplies (plain two pocket folders, binders, and notebooks, Hygiene products (small shampoos, conditioners, small deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrushes; Please leave items on the altar. Thank you!

The remaining items from the Christmas bazaar are in the dining room until the end of the month. Please check out the items that would make great Christmas gifts and check out the jams still looking for a good home. If you would like to pick up the items you brought, do so by the end of the month.

Everyone is invited to the **Adventure Club Swim Party** on Sunday, November 12, from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the Plaza Pool. Come and be part of this free, wonderful expression of fun. Bring your spirit of adventure and hope as you explore and share your faith within this intergenerational educational experience.

Pastor John was invited to pray and give the key note address on Veteran’s Day at Little Flanders Field, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to come and honor those who served in our nation’s defense.

Pastor John is planning to assemble another Advent Devotional from the people of St. Paul. A devotional provides daily inspiration through this season of the year. Please write several paragraphs about someone who shined the light of hope into your life and then give that devotional to Pastor John. He needs your information by November 20th.

The Alpena Peace Community is inviting you to attend a Peace Vigil on Sunday November 19, 2023 from 7:00pm to 7:30pm, at Grace Lutheran Church, 119 W. Dunbar in Alpena. Meditations and prayers for peace are needed in all parts of our world. Come join us for a brief period of time to focus silently and meditatively on peaceful solutions to the problems the human race is currently experiencing. ALL are welcome!

Pastor John and Miss Nena are inviting you to a Thanksgiving meal on the 23rd of November at their house. Please don’t spend the holiday alone. Join with us in this meal of thanksgiving. The event will begin at 1:00 PM and end at 3:30 PM. Come and enjoy some turkey, home made rolls, pie and the rest of this splendid meal. If you would like to bring a family favorite dish to pass, please contact the office.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 5—12, 2023	
SUN.	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 – Blessing of Hunters; Fellowship – 10:00; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.
MON.	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
TUES.	Forget-Me-Nots – 1:00 p.m.; Air Rifle Team – 5:30 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Education Committee – 5:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
WED.	Breakfast Belles (at JJ’s) – 7:30 a.m.; Movie Night – “God’s Not Dead” – 6:00 p.m.; Choir – 6:00 p.m.
THURS.	3M Men’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Outreach – 5:00 p.m.; Recovery Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Air Rifle Team – 5:30 p.m.
FRI.	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
SAT.	Veteran’s Day - Little Flanders Field – 11:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
SUN.	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00; Fellowship – 10:00; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church – 10:30; The Adventure Club Swim Party – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (<i>Plaza Pool</i>)

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Irma Becker, Annette Wade, Art Hoffmeyer, Doreen Britton, Dixie Prevost-Crevier, Nate Cosbitt, Warren MacNeil, Sue Kaiser, Shirley Kowalski, Barbara Carlson, John Wegmeyer, Marty & Liz Smith, Lorrie Fifield, Andy Beagle, Phyllis Robb, Jillian Kerby, Frank, Sarah Moe Melching, Allison Dutcher, Dolores Libka, David Reeves, Julie Troy, Geri Hanson, Billiejo Foster, Gus Schultz, Elaine Sumerix, Audrey Reck, Bernice Menck, and Karen Wallace. **ARMED SERVICES:** Noah Hardesty, Michael Emington, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Andrew Hein, Mandy Killingbeck, Jacqueline Crimmins, Charles Tudor, Justin A. Smith, Maragely Hein, Amelia Berles, Josh Gapske, Nicole Stafford, Chuck Dziedzic, and Dale Kirkendoll. *(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: St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Galen Knutson, Intentional Interim

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for our Newsletter Assemblers.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Karen Szymanski, who joined our Lord in eternity October 26, 2023. Her funeral service was held Friday, November 3rd at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Marion Seguin, we love and miss you, from Barb, Kathy and families.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF SEPTEMBER</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (10/28)	5:30 p.m.	40	Income	25,476.35	240,458.99
Sunday (10/29)	9:00 a.m.	69	Expenses	<u>29,233.48</u>	<u>262,763.65</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>54</u>	Difference	(3,757.13)	(22,304.66)
Total		163			

The Forget-Me-Nots will meet on Tuesday, November 7. We will gather in the church dining hall at 1:00 to visit and enjoy some favorite snacks. If you would like to bring a favorite game, please do so.

All are invited to our November Video Educational Experience on November 8th at 6:00 p.m. We will be watching "God's Not Dead" and a meal will be provided with discussion throughout.

St. Paul's Eucharistic Ministry: We have trained Eucharistic Ministers who will take communion kits to shut-ins on a regular basis. Questions? Contact Esther Kindt at 989-471-2274.

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran wants to be part of this Bolenz Holiday Parade this year, which will be held on Friday, November 24 at 5:30 p.m. This annual parade is sponsored by Bolenz Jewelry and hosted by the Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce. So, if you would like to donate candy, please drop it off at the church.

against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (Read Responsively)

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3 (Sunday 9:00 a.m.)

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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 Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

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: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

(Red) #422, vs. 4-7

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

“Sacred Blessings”

Rev John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Shall We Gather at the River”

(Red) #423

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 Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

(Please stand)
(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 un-
ending 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

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"Lamb of God"