

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.

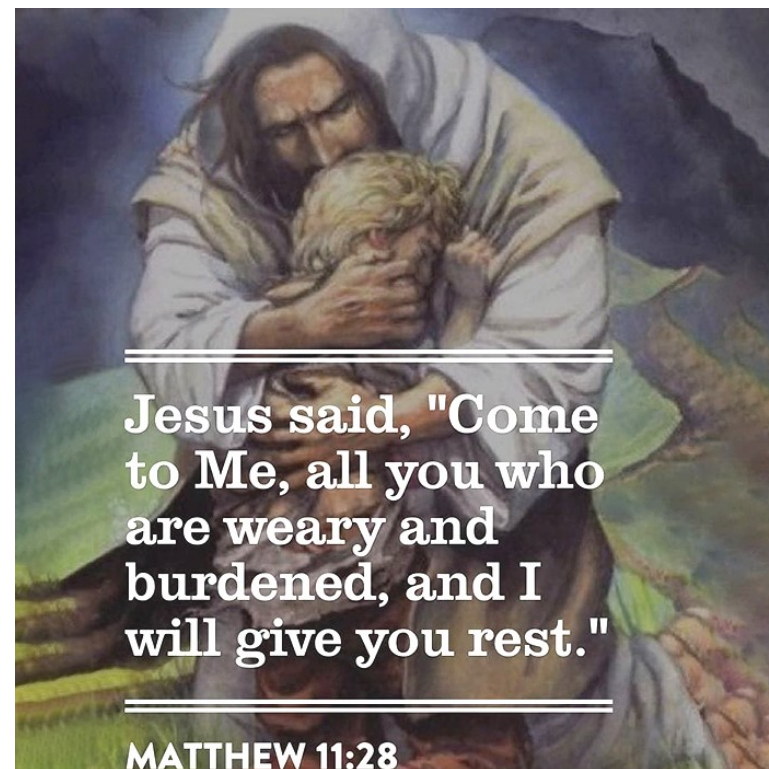
There are **restrooms** located in the basement of this building and on the ground floor of the hallway leading to our fellowship hall and on each floor of the educational building.

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.	Alayna Krey
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Gail Atkins
	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Burton
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Joan Smolinski
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dennis and Sherry McDonald
	9:00 a.m.	Jesse and Jessica O'Neil
		Roy Wekwert, Nancy Smithem
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Emily Smith
	9:00 a.m.	Alex Wickstrom
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cantleberry and 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*



**July 8, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**July 9, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.**

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

July 9, 2023 - 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, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. We have squandered your blessings. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

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

“Jesus Shall Reign”

(Red) #434

#### 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. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Margaret Welk Kimball Kirby will be 100 years old July 15<sup>th</sup>.** We want to show her the love by showering her with birthday cards. Please mail cards to: 708 Island View Drive, Alpena, MI 49707.

We welcome into the kingdom of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism (Sat. 5:30 p.m.) **Finnley Scott Main, Lincoln James Main and Evie Jo Main,** children of Jason and Aimee Main. Finnley’s sponsors are Erin and Eric Saddler, Lincoln and Evie’s sponsors are Pat and Nancy Smith. May our Lord surround them with His grace as they grow to know Him as Lord and Savior.

**Our July Service Activity is the Little Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church/Alpena AND New Life Lutheran Church/Spruce.** Items needed: macaroni & cheese, individual breakfast cereal, nonperishable milk, pancake mix, syrup, paper towels, toilet paper, baby foods, bread, quick easy meals for one, meat in pouches, canned meat, microwavable meals, canned fruits & vegetables, snacks for kids, peanut butter & jelly, and feminine hygiene products. Please leave items on the altar. Thank you for your generosity.

**Are you ready for some fresh grilled hotdog and hamburgers?** Meet us at the Picnic Grounds on Sunday July 16 beginning at noon until ????. The Adventure Club will provide meat, grill masters and drinks. If you wish, bring a dish to pass, swimsuit, lawn chair and your enthusiasm as we swim, play volleyball and relax in God’s creation with God’s people.

**Save the following dates for an evening Adventure Club Vacation Bible School - “Splash into God’s Word!”** On Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, St. Paul will be holding an evening VBS from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It will be held at the Starlite Pavilion (next to the Splash Pad), on Lake Huron- along State Street. Mark your calendars now and think of kids you can invite. We are looking for a few great servant leaders to help. Please contact the office to volunteer. Also, you are invited to join us for VBS preparation days. They are: Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:20 – 11:30 and 5:30 – 7:30 and Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. We will be preparing craft packets and activities supplies.

#### WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 9—16, 2023

<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church and C.I.A. (Youth) – 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches – 9:00 a.m.; Stephen Ministry – 10:00 a.m.; Air Rifle Team – 5:30 p.m.; Education – 5:30 p.m.; Soul Sister’s Kayaking – 5:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30
<u>WED.</u>	Women’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:30 a.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:00; Air Rifle Team – 5:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.; Newsletter Deadline
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; The Adventure Club Church Picnic (at Picnic Grounds) – 12:00 p.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Cathy Moe, Patty Jo (Morton) Wenzel, Logan Spengler, Cathy Beigaey, Marty Bennett, Maxine Miller, William Bushey, Mary Senchuk, Pat Brown, Margie Hoppe, Kathy Cole, Laura Kieliszewski, David Hunt, Bob Laity, Beth Moore, Deb Dewar, Steve Gould, John Wegmeyer, Sandy Wozniak, Annette Wade, Evelyn Green, Sam Weis, Tom Christou, Geri Hanson, Mya Hall, Keeley Knapp, Don Urban Sr., Billiejo Foster, Gus Schultz, Bodo Hanson, Elaine Kingsbury, Sally Barney, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Audrey Reck, Bernice Menck, 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: Trinity Lutheran Church, Frankfort, Rev. Richard Stieve.

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Rummage Sale group.

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

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF APRIL</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (07/01)	5:30 p.m.	60	Income	25,356.51	98,273.31
Sunday ( 07/02)	9:00 a.m.	53	Expenses	<u>23,113.99</u>	<u>116,902.33</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>28</u>	Difference	2,242.52	(18,629.02)
Total		141			

**The Soul Sisters have Kayaking Adventures planned** on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday now through September, weather permitting. So, the next adventure is July 11<sup>th</sup>. For locations, borrowing kayaks, or questions please call Sue Robb, 989-354-8673.

**The Soul Sisters and The Forget-Me-Nots are meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>,** at Donna Kensa's house, where she will host a Garden Walk from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Her address: 3385 M-32, Alpena, approximately 2 miles from the light at Walmart, left hand side – set back in the woods. Come and enjoy this relaxing evening of beauty, fellowship, and fun. The Forget-Me-Nots will carpool out there. Meet at the church at 3:00.

**Worship on the Beach.** We will celebrate the final Saturday of each month (July 29, August 26 and September 30) 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.

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14 (Read Responsively)**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,**

to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

**The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a (Sunday 9:00 a.m.)**

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

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

### GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

<sup>16</sup> “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**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.  
 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: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (Red) #697

over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

*(Please be seated)*  
SERMON “Hidden Things” Rev John Shipman

*(Please stand)*  
HYMN OF THE DAY “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” (Red)  
#608

**Baptism of Finnley, Lincoln and Evie Jo Main**

**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 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

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.**