

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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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



**April 9, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

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

Prelude "Easter Celebration"

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP "Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!" Choir

(Please Stand)
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
 Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.
Silence is kept for reflection.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Mark your calendars for a May Video Educational Experience. We will see "Facing the Giants" on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 PM. A meal is provided and discussion afterward. All are invited to attend. Please call the church office (989-356-1658) if you are coming, which will help us with our planning. Thanks.

Beginning on Wednesday, April 19th, the Choir will make a change to their meeting/practice times. They will continue to meet on Wednesdays. The women will meet from 5:30—6:30 p.m. and the men from 6:00 — 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us and make a joyful noise.

St. Paul **Scholarship Committee** will be awarding a scholarship to a 2023 graduating senior or current college student. Applications are available in the church office and must be completed and returned by April 30th.

The Scholarship Committee is grateful to those that have brought in their bottle returns, we ask that you keep them coming! The bottle returns can be placed in the janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre Street side, there is a sign on the door to prevent confusion.

Be sure to check out our new website at stpaul.org

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.

Our April Service Activity is Wilson Elementary School. The items needed are: Girls leggings-mostly small and medium, some large and XL; Boys sweatpants-small and medium; Boys shoes- size 7 & 8; Girls shoes-size 8 & 9; Chapstick; Boys backpacks (*we have lots of pink/purple*); Snacks-granola bars, fruit bars, and trail mix. Please leave your donation items on the altar. Thank you for your generosity.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 9—16, 2023	
<u>SUN.</u>	Easter Worship Services/HC – Sunrise – 6:30 a.m.; Liturgical 9:00 a.m., and Contemporary Service – 10:30 a.m.; Bake Sale – before and after the 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. service
<u>MON.</u>	Church Office Closed; AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; ETA – 5:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches – 9:30 a.m.; Stephen Ministry – 2:15 p.m.; Stewardship Committee – 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Air Rifle – 5:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Women's Breakfast (at JJ's) – 7:30 a.m.; AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Yoga 101 – 11:00 a.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men's Breakfast (at JJ's) – 7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Outreach – 5:00 p.m.; Air Rifle Team – 5:30 p.m.; Recovery Yoga – 5:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 6:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Newsletter Deadline; Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC -5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; 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: Sandy Wozniak, Annette Wade, David Reeves, Steve Gould, Scott Brooks, Evelyn Green, Sam Weis, Tom Christou, Geri Hanson, Karen Wekwert, Bob Laity, Ray Bailey, Cathy Neizka, William Taylor, Kaye Remboski, Charles Atkinson, Lori Ludwig, Mary Kuhl, Mya Hall, Myra Gapske, Keeley Knapp, Don Urban Sr., Billiejo Foster, Jerry Swanson, Nancy Chrzan, John Wegmeyer, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Sally Barney, Joel Foster, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Bodo Hanson, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Audrey Reck, Deb Lange, 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: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Big Rapids, Rev. Daniel Ward and Rev. Bob Garrels.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Epiphany Dessert group.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Delores Stevens, who joined our Lord in eternity April 1, 2023. Her memorial service will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on April 28th at 12:00 pm.

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

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF FEBRUARY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Wed. (03/29)	12:30 p.m.	44	Income 24,712.91
Ecumenical Service	6:00 p.m.	75	Expenses <u>26,429.34</u>
Saturday (04/01)	5:30 p.m.	67	Difference (1,716.43)
Sunday (04/02)	9:00 a.m.	78	
	10:30 a.m.	<u>20</u>	
Total		284	

The Crafters are hosting a Bake Sale today, before and after the 6:30 and 9:00 Easter Services in the Narthex. Come check out the cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, carrot cake, homemade bread and other choices for your Easter Sunday festivities. All proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of fruits, vegetables, and canning supplies for the Christmas Bazaar.

St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Garage Sale on June 8 - 10. Please set aside your items for this upcoming sale. This year we are going to accept clean used clothing and shoes. You may start dropping off your items at the church on May 22. We need help with the garage sale and people to pick items up. To volunteer please contact Andrea Dutcher at 989-354-3651.

Please note: The **Dinner on a Doorknob group** has changed their meeting date this month to Tuesday, April 18th.

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 Christ Is Risen Today” (Red) #365

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Read Responsively)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

In Memory of:

Tom, Marilyn, Wilfred, Leota and Tim Heythaler from Ric and Kimberly Schmidt

My husband James Smithem from Nancy Smithem

Franklin and Beatrice Diemond from Dolores Sumerix and Karen Wallace

Melvin Huggler and Harold and Ruth Zaske from Joanne Huggler

Our loved ones in Heaven from Jim and Doreen, Jimmy and Allison Kriniak

Edwin Carlson and Jane and Howard Huard from Bev and Denny Huard

Kathy Kimball and Charles Kimball from Bill Kimball and Margaret Kimball Kirby

The Kelms – Otto, Hattie, and Howard from Harriett

Orel and Irene St. Onge and William and Evelyn Parfitt from Richard and Barbara

Parfitt

Lee Powley from Sandra Powley, Chris and Alison Powley and Kelli and Steve Leask

John Leask from Steve and Kelli Leask

Richard Guyott from Jane Guyott

Ilse and Gus Kuhl from Mary and George, and Carol Kuhl

My parents, Edward and Ida Werth and my nine siblings from Mariette Seguin



In Memory of:

Harry and Marilyn Stephan from the Paul Stephan Family
Parents: John and Della Powers from Mollie Skiba
Brother: John R. Powers from Mollie Skiba
Beloved friends: Robert Wegmeyer and his daughter, Susan Crowell from Mollie Skiba
Richard and Michael Brown from Barbara Crittenden
Edward and Ada Precour from Barbara Crittenden
Bruce “Red” and Hazel Crittenden from Barbara Crittenden
Charles Geisbuhler from Rudy and Marie Kowalski
Dennis Johnson from Jean, children and grandkids
Ken and Dee Johnson from Jean and grandchildren
Gus Schultz from Norma and family
Hope Romel from Jesse and Jessica, Nathan and Miya
Theophil (Phil) and Josephine Skiba, family members, from Mollie Skiba
Charles and Pauline Arnott, family members, from Mollie Skiba
Russ Robb and Trisha Grove from Sue Robb
Tom and Vivian Straley from Phil and Jan Straley
Jack and Carol Snyder from Phil and Jan Straley
Katherine Klimek from Phil and Jan Straley
Marion and Bob Seguin from Barb and Lee Szczesniak and Kathy and Bob Burton
Dorothy and Gerald Girard from Barb and Lee Szczesniak and Kathy and Bob Burton
Frieda and Ed Szczesniak from Barb and Lee Szczesniak and Kathy and Bob Burton
Fred Burton I from Barb and Lee Szczesniak and Kathy and Bob Burton
Our parents: Karl and Katherine Jaeger from Gerald and Ann Hardesty
Our parents: Grover and Martha Hardesty from Gerald and Ann Hardesty
Richard Guyott from Jane Guyott, his wife
Clarence and Helen Wagner from Bernadine H. Wagner
Larry Wegmeyer from Fred and Carolynne Wegmeyer
Lillian Zaska, Arthur Zaska Sr., Arthur Zaska Jr., Barbara Freedlund, and John Benson
from Linda Benson
George A. Kennedy, Phyllis Kennedy, George W., Sam You, Patricia Kennedy, Charles
Kennedy, James and Tristin Carpenter from Bonnie Duby
Karen Bisson from Jeff, Kristin, Brandon and Brett Ciupka
Sally Kosloski and Christina Emery from Richard Kosloski
Neil and Margaret Robarge and Percy and Lavina McKinnon from Bob and Judy Hand
and Brian, Tina, Zachary and Garrett Chrzan
Warren and Mildred Hand from Bob and Judy Hand and Brian, Tina, Zachary and
Garrett Chrzan
Richard Bennett from great-grandchildren, Alex and Ava Wickstrom
Richard and Alice Gapske from great-grandchildren, Alex and Ava Wickstrom

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to You, O Lord'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: '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. lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

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

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

(Red) #382

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

“Hallelujah”

G. Handel

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GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please stand)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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.**

(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.**

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.