

**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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<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>	9:00 a.m. Shirley Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	9:00 a.m. Scott Parkham
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	9:00 a.m. Laurie Stafford
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	9:00 a.m. Steve and Andrea Dutcher Cathy Kieliszewski, Tim Moggie
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m. Evan McDonald
<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**



*Jesus answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her.”*  
*Luke 10:41-42*

**July 17, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 17, 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**

“You Are Holy”

(Red) #525 (sing 2x)

**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.**

**The Forget-Me-Knots will be attending the Civic Theatre production of “Church Basement Ladies”** on Sunday, July 31 at 2:00 pm. If interested in joining us, please call Ann Hardesty as soon as possible (989-590-2055).

**We will be doing M-Dot Highway pick up on July 17<sup>th</sup>.** Interested persons are to meet at the church at 11:30 for a training video and then we will carpool out to our designated highway to pick up trash. Hope you can join us while we clean up a portion of God’s Creation. All are welcome!!!

**Official Ordination for Troy Spencer** will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Berwick, PA on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. If you wish to send a card, his address is: 1607 Fowler Avenue, Berwick, PA 18603. Good Shepherd Lutheran will be posting the ordination on their Facebook page. Use this link to login and watch if you are unable attend in person. <https://www.facebook.com/GSLCBwk/>.

**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, 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. Please leave items on the altar. Thanks.

**Worship on the Beach July 30 at 7:00 P.M.** This service will proclaim the gospel and celebrate the promises of God outdoors. 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 (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a Fireside Chat on July 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Please take the time to fill out an encouraging note to our service members,** which are on the table in the narthex. The Taste from Home group will be sending them out in the mail soon.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 17–24, 2022**

<b>SUN.</b>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Congregational Meeting following Service; Highway Pick-Up – 11:30
<b>MON.</b>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.
<b>TUES.</b>	Gnomes – 6:00; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<b>WED.</b>	Soul Sister’s Kayaking – 6:30 p.m.
<b>THURS.</b>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) –7:00 a.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<b>FRI.</b>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Tech Talk – 3:00 p.m.
<b>SAT.</b>	C.I.A. Youth at Picnic Grounds – 4:00 p.m.; Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<b>SUN.</b>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** George & Dena Stevens, Harrison Hoppe, Susan Kaiser, William Taylor, John Wegmeyer, Eleanor Sumerix, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Myra Gapske, Meredith (Colby) Smith, Peter Roznowski, Dorothy LaFleche, Sally Barney, Donna Kowalski, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Lori Ludwig, 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: Hope Lutheran Church, Rhodes, Rev. Roger Bauer

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Dinner on a Doorknob ministry.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF MAY</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (07/09) 5:30 p.m.	57	Income	22,528.47	129,471.35
Sunday (07/10) 9:00 a.m.	71	Expenses	<u>25,314.36</u>	<u>132,567.24</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>12</u>	Difference	(-2,785.89)	(-3,095.89)
Total	140			

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

**The Soul Sisters will also be going kayaking again** on July 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Sytek Park, weather permitting. Come join us and bring a friend!

**There will be a Special Congregational Meeting today, July 17<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 a.m. service.** Please join us. This meeting will be to ratify the new church constitution.

**The Youth Group, now C.I.A., is planning a Campfire & Yard Games event at the church campground on Saturday, July 23rd from 4:00—7:00 p.m.** We will carpool from the church at 3:45 p.m. Hot dogs, smores, drinks and snacks will be provided. If you have any questions or plan on attending, please contact Danielle at 616-322-7958.

**Save the following dates for an Adventure in Faith!** On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, August 16, 17 & 18 St. Paul will gather from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Starlight Pavilion (next to the Splash Pad), on Lake Huron- along State Street. Plans are in the works to make this a great event. Mark your calendars now and think of kids you can invite. Complete details will be in the August newsletter and the bulletins.

**The Chair Yoga and Recovery Yoga classes** will not meet in July. Join us again on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10</sup> Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 15 (Read Responsively)**

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
**Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;**  
 who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;  
**in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**  
 who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
 Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28**

**<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold**



together.<sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.<sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,<sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*(Please Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

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: 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

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

(Red) #537

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

**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”

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”

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

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42**

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Lord Do You Care?”

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

(Red) #754

**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**

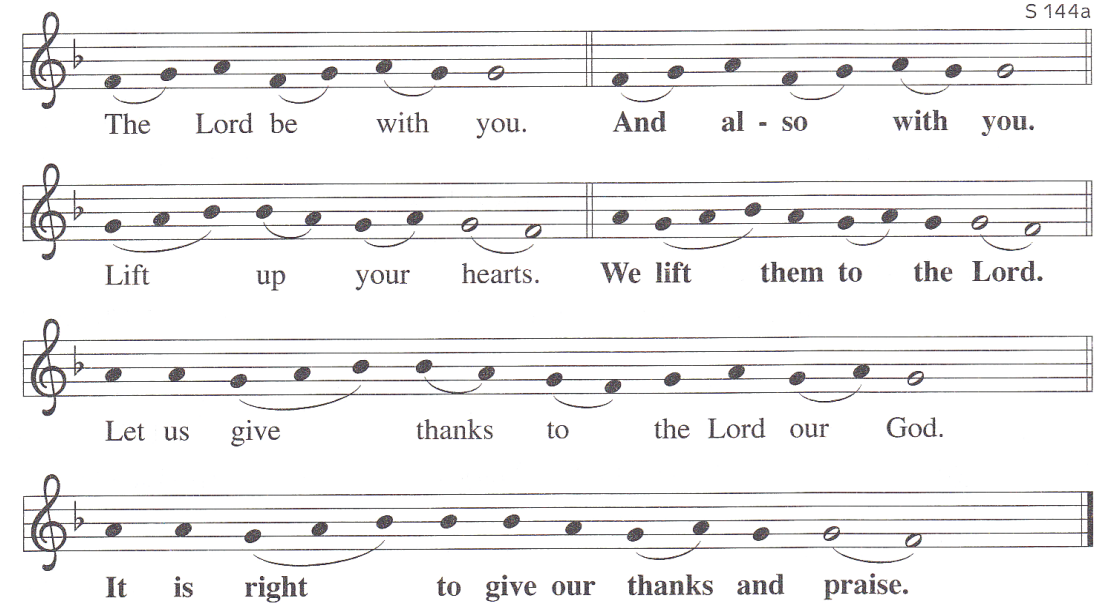
Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

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

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

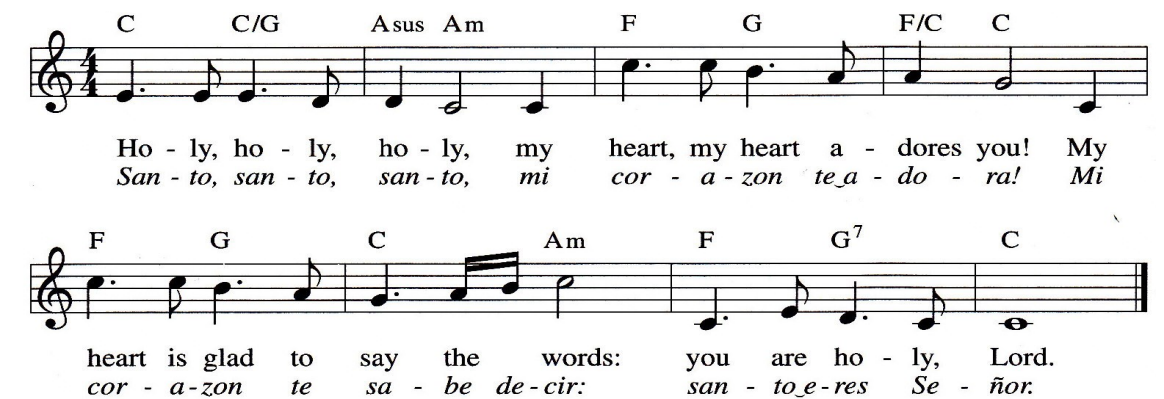
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The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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**



C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - does you! My  
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi

F G C Am F G<sup>7</sup> 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: