

### 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>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce, Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Laurie Stafford
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Cindy Tchotzynski
	9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak, Tim Moggie
		Paul Kieliszewski, Kathy Burton
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan McDonald
<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 19, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**

**November 20, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
**November 19, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**November 20, 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, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, 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.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (Red) [#855](#)

**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.**

**Pastor John and Miss Nena are inviting you to a Thanksgiving meal on the 24th of November.** 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 church office.

**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran will be part of the Bolenz Holiday Parade this year, which will be held on Friday, November 25.** It is held the day after Thanksgiving at 5:30 p.m. Call the church to help.

**Pastor John and Miss Nena have planned Advent Educational Opportunities, that will run November 30<sup>th</sup> -December 21<sup>st</sup>.** Pastor John's Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and 5:30 p.m. and Miss Nena's class will also meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Pastor John will hold a Book Study on "To Know and Follow Jesus" by Thomas Hart and Miss Nena will lead a Book Study on "I Second that Emotion: Untangling Our Zany Feelings" by Patsy Clairmont. Please call the office so we know how to plan/books to order.

**This year we will have Advent Services on Wednesdays** at 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 22. We will begin with a meal at noon and after we will have a short service at 12:25. Come and share this time of preparation.

**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.

**Help is needed to decorate the church building for Christmas.** We will meet on Monday, December 5th beginning at noon. Please call Donna Kensa or the office if you can help. *Thank you.*

**The Forget-Me-Knots will next meet for lunch on Tuesday, December 6 at noon at the 19th Hole Restaurant.** Please call Ann Hardesty (989-590-2055) to let me know if you will attend. We hope to see you there. **The Alpena County Library will again be sponsoring Blizzard of Books.** If you would like to give a book to a child in our community, please bring a book with you. The books are wrapped at the library and given to the Salvation Army for Christmas gifts to families with young children.

**The Adventure Club will go Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** Please join us at the church as we head out to share God's love with our voices in the community.

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 20 - 27, 2022</b>	
<b>SUN.</b>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service and Children's Ch. –10:30
<b>MON.</b>	Tech Talks–11:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<b>TUES.</b>	Cub Scouts - 5:30 p.m.; Gnomes - 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts - 6:30 p.m.
<b>WED.</b>	Women's Breakfast–7:30 a.m.; Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
<b>THURS.</b>	Have a Blessed Thanksgiving; Thanksgiving Meal at Pastor John and Nena's home from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
<b>FRI.</b>	Church Office Closed; Fall Holiday Parade ( <i>Downtown</i> ) – 5:30 p.m.
<b>SAT.</b>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<b>SUN.</b>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service and Children's Church, and C.I.A. (Youth) – 10:30 a.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Jimmy Abend, Cheryl Rosbeck, George Morley, Steve Zbytowski, Austin Scull, Peter Roznowski, Paula Baker, Lucille Hanna Withum, Philip Donakowski, June Sylvester, Aggie Woloszyk, Jerry Swanson, Annette Wade, Zay, Lisa Hilberg, Sandra Christopherson, Larkin Kerby, William Taylor, John Wegmeyer, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Sally Barney, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Bodo Hanson, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Audrey Reck, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, and Karen Wallace.

**We remember our prayer partners** in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Suttons Bay, Rev. Jonathan Reid.

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for our Stephen Ministry team.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Walter and Blanche Piper from their son, Wayne.

**ADDITIONAL FLOWERS** are given in memory of husband, Gerald "Sam" Olsen from his wife, Bev Olsen.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF SEPTEMBER</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (11/12)	5:30 p.m.	64	Income	20,953.89
Sunday (11/13)	9:00 a.m.	48	Expenses	<u>26,261.59</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>15</u>	Difference	(-5,307.70)
		127		(-10,236.57)

**Come join us for weekend Fellowship.** On Saturday Night we meet before the service at 4:30 for coffee and baked goods until 5:20. Fellowship for the 9:00 service and the 10:30 service will occur in-between the service time. Everyone is invited to join us.

**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 November Service Activity is Thunder Bay Jr. High.** Items needed: Women's underwear (all sizes), men's underwear (all sizes), athletic socks for men and women (all sizes), black leggings (small/Med/Large/XL), winter hats and gloves in adult sizes. Please leave your items on the altar.

**If you are donating pies for the Friendship Room's Thanksgiving Feast,** please take your pies to the church kitchen on Wednesday, November 23rd by noon. Pie boxes will be on the counter if you need them! The pies will then be delivered to the Friendship Room! Thank you for your donation by contributing to the meal at the Friendship Room on such a special day of gratitude. Thanksgiving Blessings to you and yours!

**Please note:** There will be **no choir rehearsal** on Wednesday, November 23rd.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear longer or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

**PSALM: Psalm 46 (Read Responsively)**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.**  
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.



**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <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.

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

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 give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“Soon and Very Soon”

(Red) #439

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**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 - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43**

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Remember Me”

Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Beautiful Savior”

(Red) #838

**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**

Lord, in your mercy,  
receive 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. Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*(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

C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore 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:

**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"