

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.

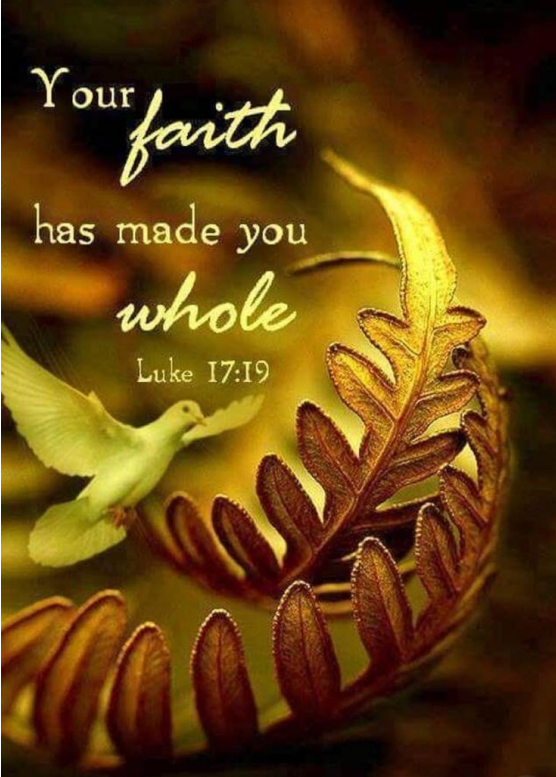
<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>		
<u>MINISTERS</u>		The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cattleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Joan Smolinski
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler and Rita Chase
<u>HEAD USHER</u>		Roy Wekwert
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	John and Linda Snyder
	9:00 am.	Jesse and Jessica O’Neil
		Roy Wekwert, Dennis Dziesinski
<u>CHILDREN’S CHURCH LEADERS</u>		Joanne Huggler, Rita Chase
<u>LITTLES’ WORSHIP CENTER LEADERS</u>		Nena Shipman, Jean Johnson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

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Worship Service
celebrates and shares God’s love and compassion
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Christmas Bazaar



October 11, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.
October 12, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.
October 12, 2025 - 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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. Amen.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. 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 “Oh, Sing to the Lord” (Red) #822

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.

As our program grows, we need additional volunteers in the Little’s Worship Center, Children Church, and Youth Group. Please prayerfully consider helping once a month to inspire faith in our next generation. Please call the office if interested.

Pastor John will lead a Stroll through the Tombstones at Evergreen Cemetery on October 19th at 6:00 p.m. Please come with stories to share about loved ones, stories about Alpena and how others shaped our history.

Scouting America Troop 92 invites you to a Breakfast Fundraiser at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 19 from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Free Will Offering. All you can eat plus take-out option. If you have any questions please contact Scoutmaster Steve Donajkowski at 989-255-6521.

We will be participating again in the community Trunk or Treat event, which will be held behind City Hall on Friday, October 24th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. We are accepting donations of candy, just drop them off at the office.

Help us Celebrate with Stacy and Jacob as they welcome their new little one in October. St Paul would like to shower them with diapers. They are planning to make use of cloth diapers, which are pre-folded, snap with one size fits all in mind, with less impact on the environment. They will be blessed with ANY TYPE of diapers that folks are willing to give, but the preference is cloth. Drop your gifts off at Miss Nena’s office.

The Blessing of Hunters and Veterans service will be November 1st and 2nd. The service of blessing is a reminder of God’s hope found in the hunt. Come and know God’s blessing during this special time in God’s creation.

There will be a Men’s Retreat on Friday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m. at 1921 Long Rapids Road. Our theme is “Being a Man and having Faith, Hope and Love in a Digital Age.” There is no cost associated with this event. Ages 18 – 100 are invited to discover God’s faithfulness in your faith journey.

All are invited to our November Video Educational Experience on November 12th at 6:00 p.m. We will be watch-ing “Overcomer” and a meal will be provided with discussion throughout.

Thanks to the committee, those that donated raffles items, the volunteers that worked the event, and to those that came down to have fun at the Strikes Spark Compassion fundraiser! The final total we raised was \$6,717.93 for the Building Sealant Project.

St. Paul Picnic/Campgrounds have been winterized, so no restrooms are available until spring, but you may con-tinue to enjoy the beauty of the lake property.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 12—19, 2025	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC–9:00 a.m.; Fellowship–10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service/Children’s Church/C.I.A. -10:30
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 4:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches – 9:00 a.m.; Stewardship – 3:30 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Scouting America – 6:30
<u>WED.</u>	Newsletter Deadline; Breakfast Belles – 7:30 a.m.; Pastor John’s Book Study – 1:00 & 5:30 p.m.; Choir – 4:30 p.m.; Nena’s Bible Study – 5:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	3M Men’s Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.; Open Line Dance – 1:00 p.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Dynamic Duo Leisurely Olympics – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	No Service – Join us for the 9:00 a.m. service tomorrow and the Annual Meeting following
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Annual Meeting – 10:00; Scouting America Breakfast Fundraiser – 8:30 – 12:30; The Adventure Club Fall Romp (Johnson Camp) – 1:00 p.m.; Stroll through the Tombstones – 6:00 p.m.

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

<u>WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:</u>	Cheryl Daher – illness	Mark Byce – health issues
Joyce Piper-Ross – healing	Belinda Page – rec./broken ankle	Bob Christou – knee surgery rec.
Sharon Tinker-knee surgery rec.	Cody Franklin – leukemia	Carol Kuhl –health issues
Debra Gapske – health issues	Laura – health issues	Malary Smith - unspecified
Karen Wallace–unspecified need	Margaret Lucian – health issues	David McNeil – health issues
Lee Werth—health issues	Ann Martin – medical issues	Art Hoffmeyer - heart issues
Ric Schmidt – recovery from surgery	John Wegmeyer– health issues	Chad Hamill– health issues
Adam Schmidt- health issues	Dena Stevens – health issues	Laura Cussen – stroke
Laura Kieliszewski – health issues	Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	Julie Troy – health issues

(Prayer is the best medicine and we are prepared to pray indefinitely for folks. Would you help the church office keep our list current? Unless we know otherwise, our normal practice is to remove names after a month. Thank you.)

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Two Churches – including Ascension Lutheran Church, Kentwood, Rev. Pauline Standley.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Cub Scouts.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			END OF AUGUST		YEAR TO DATE
Saturday (10/04) 5:30 p.m.	46		Income	27,081.85	240,116.51
Sunday 10/05) 9:00 a.m.	72		<u>Expenses</u>	<u>31,408.88</u>	<u>258,601.80</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>55</u>		Difference	(3,732.03)	(18,485.29)
Total	173				

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

The great "Trail Adventure" is being planned for October 12th starting at 2:00 p.m. in Hillman (Exact location is TBD). Bring your side by side or ATV for an afternoon of fun and fellowship in God's great outdoors. Contact Karen Wekwert if you have any questions, at 989-464-0204.

Join us for our Autumn Educational Opportunities, which runs through October 22. Pastor John is holding a Book Study on “Death and Dying” and Miss Nena is leading a Bible Study on “Reckless Love: Jesus’ Call to love our Neighbor.” Each class length will be 1 hour. Pastor John’s Class meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 and 5:30 p.m. and Miss Nena’s class meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. *Come join us.*

Join the Dynamic Duo Couple Ministry for “The Leisurely Olympics” at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 17th. The Dynamic Duo Ministry is a couple focused small group. Call the church office to sign up.

The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, October 19th, right after the 9:00 a.m. service. Please note: There will be only one service (Sunday 9:00) that weekend. Packets are available, one per family. Please review prior to the meeting.

The Adventure Club is going to have some Fun Fall Activities at the Johnson Camp (10606 Indian Reserve Road) on Sunday, October 19th. There will be pumpkin carving, wagon rides and yummy snacks. Please RSVP by October 15th, to help us plan. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1 to 105 years old.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. ³ She said to her mistress, ‘If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.’

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, ‘Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.’

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, ‘Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.’ ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.’ ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, ‘I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!’ ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, ‘Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel;

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

PSALM: Psalm 111 (Read Responsively)

Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever.
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures for ever.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.
¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

(Please Stand)
Gospel Acclamation



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (Red) #543

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
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.

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?’ ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ ¹⁹ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

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

“The One and Only”

Rev. John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY “We Come to You for Healing, Lord” (Red) #617

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,
receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

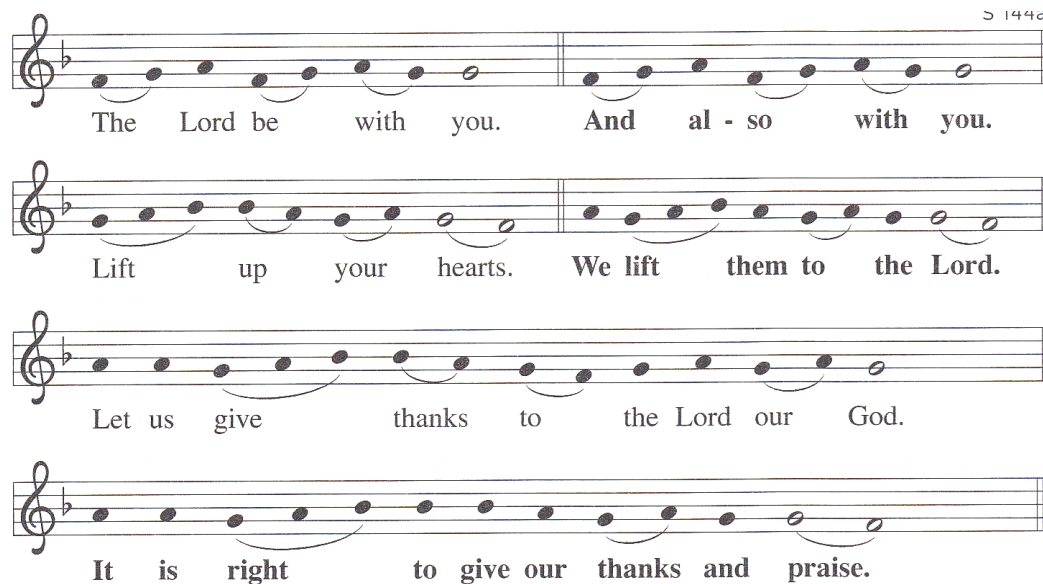
The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

(Please stand)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

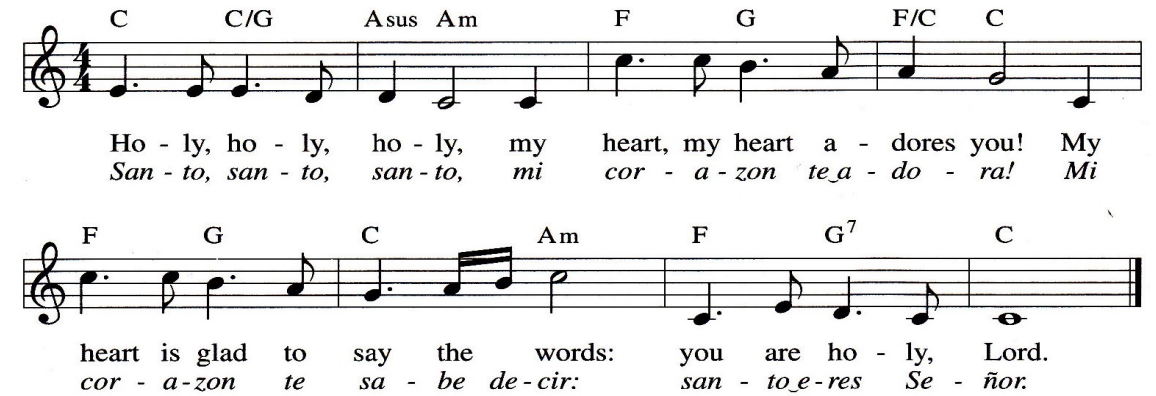
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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.

(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”