

**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.

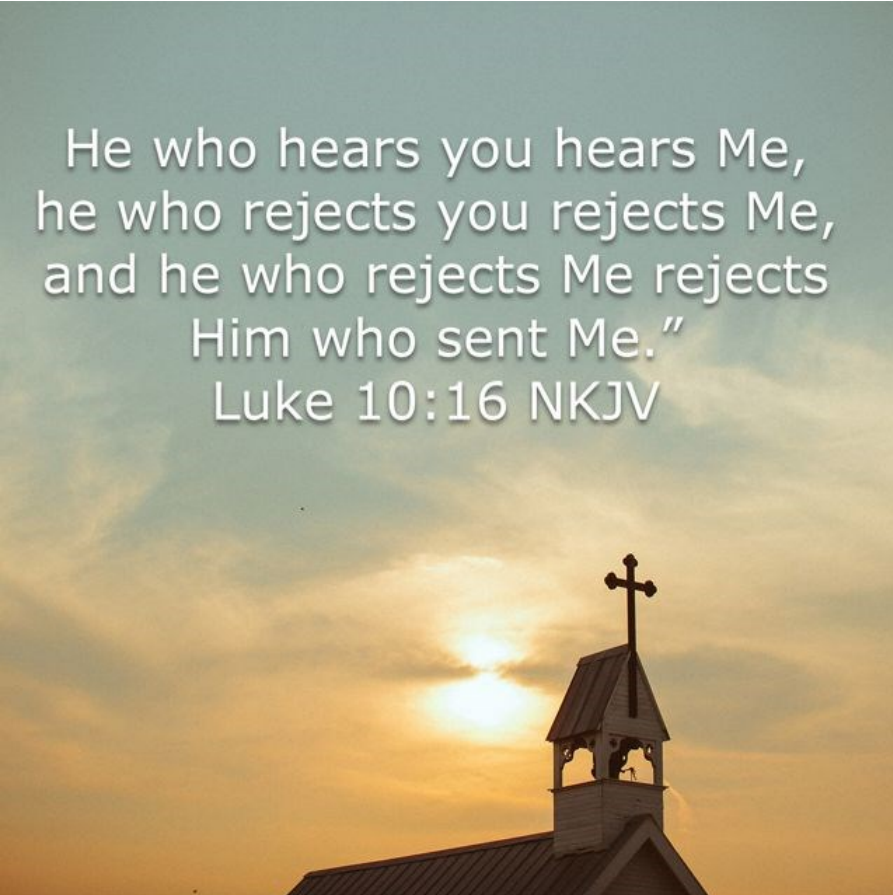
There are **restrooms** located in the basement of this building and on the ground floor of the hallway leading to our fellowship hall and on each floor of the educational building.

**PARTICIPANTS**

<u>MINISTERS</u>		The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Richard Miller
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Robb, Jodi Lahti
	9:00 a.m.	Janice Boboltz
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Cindy Tchorzynski
	9:00 a.m.	Nancy St. Onge, Richard Miller Dennis and Lori Dziesinski
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<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 2, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**July 3, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 2, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**July 3, 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**      “We All Are One in Mission”      (Red) #576

**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.**

**If you would like to help with the float assembly, please meet at the church on Sunday, July 3rd, at 1:00 p.m.**

**There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 a.m. service.** This meeting will be to ratify the new church constitution. Plan now to attend. Please note: On that weekend there will only be one service.

**The Adventure Club will be meeting on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Church Picnic Grounds** for a time of food, fellowship, and enjoying each other and our beautiful lake property from 12-4. Hot dogs, burgers and chips will be provided. Bring a dish to pass, if you wish. Call the church office if you plan to attend, which will help us get a food count, and if you would like to carpool.

**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 please contact Danielle at 616-322-7958.

**Official Ordination for Pastor Spencer** will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Berwick, PA on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. 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/>

**A big THANK YOU** goes out to everyone for their cards and prayers during my rehabilitation stay. They were very much appreciated. *Lori Ludwig*

**The Forget-Me-Knots will next meet at noon on Tuesday, July 12 at the church picnic grounds for a time of fellowship.** Please bring your own lunch and beverage. We will discuss attending the Civic Theatre production of "Church Basement Ladies, Away in the Basement" on Sunday, July 31 at 2:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, we will have a sign-up sheet and collect \$14 for your ticket. Hope you can join us. Please call Ann Hardesty (989) 590-2055, if you have a question.

**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.

**Please Note:** The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 3 – 10, 2022</b>	
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30; Float Assembly – 1:00
<u>MON.</u>	Church Office Closed; Parade – 11:00 a.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	SafeServ Class -6:00 p.m.; Gnomes – 6:00; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	SafeServ Class – 1:00 p.m.; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m. Soul Sisters Kayaking – 6:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	<b>Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) – 7:00 a.m.</b> ; “Gideon Your Weakness, God’s Strength” Book Study – 5:30 p.m.; <b>Singles – 6:00 p.m.</b> ; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Tech Talk – 3:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Project Klean Sweet – 9:00 a.m.; 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 and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; Adventure Club at Church Picnic Grounds – 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** 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. **ARMED SERVICES:** Michael Emington, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Andrew Hein, Lauren Hoeksema, Alexander Gould, Mandy Killingbeck, Jacqueline Crimmins, Ashley (Dingman) Grant, Charles Tudor, Justin A. Smith, and Maragely Hein. *(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: Leer Lutheran Church, Posen, Supply Pastors.

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF MAY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (06/25) 5:30 p.m.	71	Income 22,528.47	129,471.35
Sunday (06/26) 9:00 a.m.	54	Expenses <u>25,314.36</u>	<u>132,567.24</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>16</u>	Difference (-2,785.89)	(-3,095.89)
Total	141		

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

**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church is now a drop-off location for donations to help the people in Gaylord.** If you would like to assist the residents in Gaylord, after their community was devastated by a Tornado, the Otsego County United Way is looking for donations to be dropped off and used immediately. They are currently looking for: chap stick, sunblock, cleaning supplies (household cleaners, wipes, paper towels, etc.), garbage bags, phone chargers, laundry detergent, and gift cards (for food or gas) of any denomination. Donations can be dropped off at the church 9:00-4:00, Monday–Friday in room 205.

**The Soul Sisters will be going kayaking again** on July 6<sup>th</sup> (at Sytek Park) and 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. Come join us and bring a friend! **Also, save the date for the Soul Sisters Get Together on July 13<sup>th</sup>** at Nancy Smithem’s house. Bring a snack to share if you like. Nancy will provide lemonade and iced tea. Come any time after 4:00 p.m. This is open to everyone.

**Two more ServSafe Classes are coming up.** One will be held on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and the other on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. This class is open to all who want to know more about food safety training.

**Join us on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 am for Project Klean Sweep.** We will finish the reorganization of the Education Storeroom. Please bring an open mind, and willing spirit.

**St. Paul’s Eucharistic Ministry:** We have trained Eucharistic Ministers who will take communion kits to shut-ins on a regular basis. Questions? Contact Esther Kindt at 471-2274.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life’s journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*  
**FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14**

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— <sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast, that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9 (Read Responsively)**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
**sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**  
 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.  
**All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”**  
 Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.  
**He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him,**  
 who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
 let the rebellious not exalt themselves.  
**Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,**  
 who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

**SECOND READING: Galatians 6:7-16**

<sup>7</sup> **Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.**



<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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 - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, 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: 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

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

(Red) #890

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**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.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

**“Return With Joy”**

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

(Red) #579  
(vs. 1, 2, & 5)

**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**

S 144a

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 - dores 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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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"