

### 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>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Janice Boboltz
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Cindy Tchorzynski
	9:00 a.m.	Owen Werth, Ryan Panknin Dennis and Lori Dziesinski
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan Peterson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cantleberry and Carol Kindt

*We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.*

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

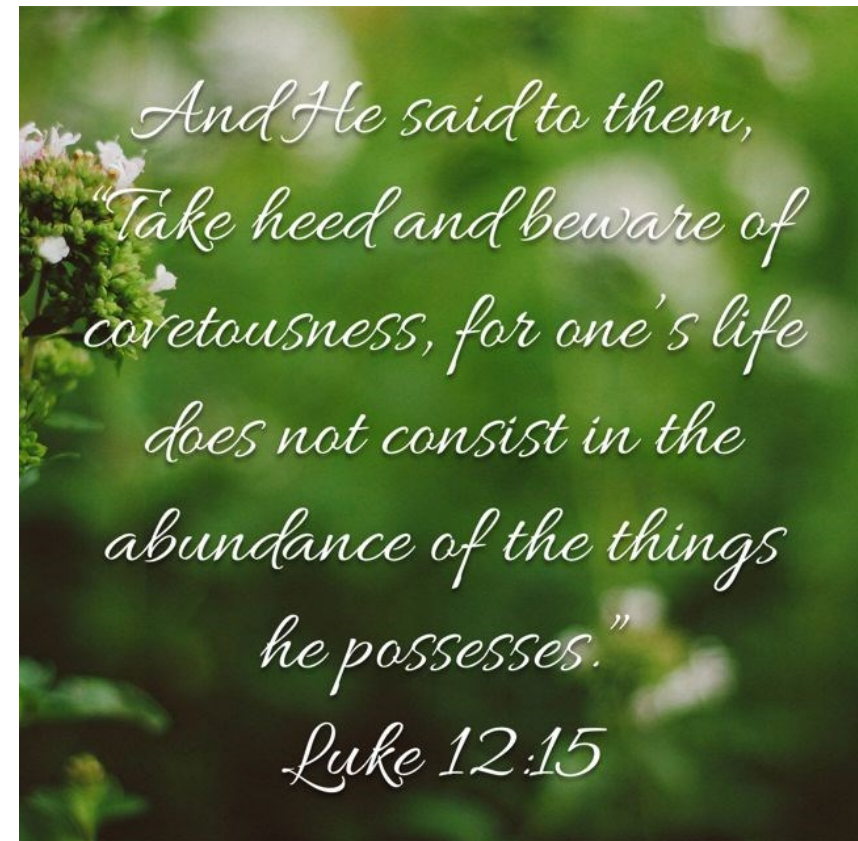
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*



**July 30, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**

**July 31, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 30, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**July 31, 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** “God of Grace and God of Glory” (Red) #705

**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.**

**We welcome into the kingdom of God** through the sacrament of Holy Baptism (Sunday 9:00 a.m.) Lyra Gonzales, daughter of Alex and Ashly Gonzales. Her baptismal sponsors are Amiya & Allyana Gonzales and Morgan Buxman. May our Lord surround her with His grace as she grows to know Him as Lord and Savior.

**The Forget-Me-Nots will be attending the Civic Theatre production of “Church Basement Ladies”** on Sunday, July 31 at 2:00 pm. If you have questions, call Ann Hardesty at 989-590-2055. Also, the Forget-Me-Nots will meet for a picnic and time of fellowship at our church picnic grounds on Tuesday, August 2nd at noon. Please bring your own lunch and beverage. We hope to see you there.

**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.

**Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a Fire-side 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.

**There will be an organizational meeting for the Christmas Bazaar on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** in the Lounge. We are always in need of new members for this very worthwhile event so please try to attend. If you cannot attend but would like to participate, please call Lori at 356-4753.

**There will be a Soul Sister's Rock Painting Event** on Thursday, August 11th, at the Church Picnic Grounds starting at 6:00pm. Bring your own drink and if you want, a snack to share. Val Urban has paint, markers and rocks, but you are welcome to bring your own too.

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 31 – AUGUST 7, 2022</b>	
<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.; Forget-Me-Nots (Church Basement Ladies) – 2:00 p.m.; Fireside Chat at Shipman’s House – 5:00 p.m.;
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Forget-Me-Nots – 1:00 p.m.; Education Committee – 5:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Soul Sisters Kayaking – 6:30 p.m.; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) –7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Singles at St. Paul – 6:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Fellowship – 10:00; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church–10:30

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Larkin Kerby, 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. *We also remember our homebound members.* They are: Geraldine Wyman, Harriet Burke, Virginia Kraft, Virginia Beaulieu, Deb Lange, Phyllis Robb, and Delores Stevens. *(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: St. James Lutheran Church, Roger City, Rev. Mary Hughes

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Funeral Luncheon Group/Ministry.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF JUNE</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (07/23) 5:30 p.m.	40	Income 28,881.40	158,352.75
Sunday (07/24) 9:00 a.m.	41	Expenses <u>27,763.66</u>	<u>160,330.90</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>11</u>	Difference 1,117.74	(-1,978.15)
Total	92		

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given in loving memory of my husband Bruce “Red” Crittenden from Barbara Crittenden.

**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.

**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.

**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. Thank you for brightening their day.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.  
<sup>2:12</sup>I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12 (Read Responsively)**

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,  
**both low and high, rich and poor together.**  
 My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.  
**I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**  
 Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,  
**those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**  
 Truly, no ransom avails for one’s life; there is no price one can give to God for it.  
**For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice,**  
 that one should live on forever and never see the Pit.  
**When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.**

Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.

**Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.**



**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

(Red) #774

**DISMISSAL**

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

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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 12:13-21**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Eat, Drink and Be Merry”

Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

(Red) #685

**Baptism of Lyra Gonzales**

**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**

Merciful God,  
receive our prayers.

**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 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.**