

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.

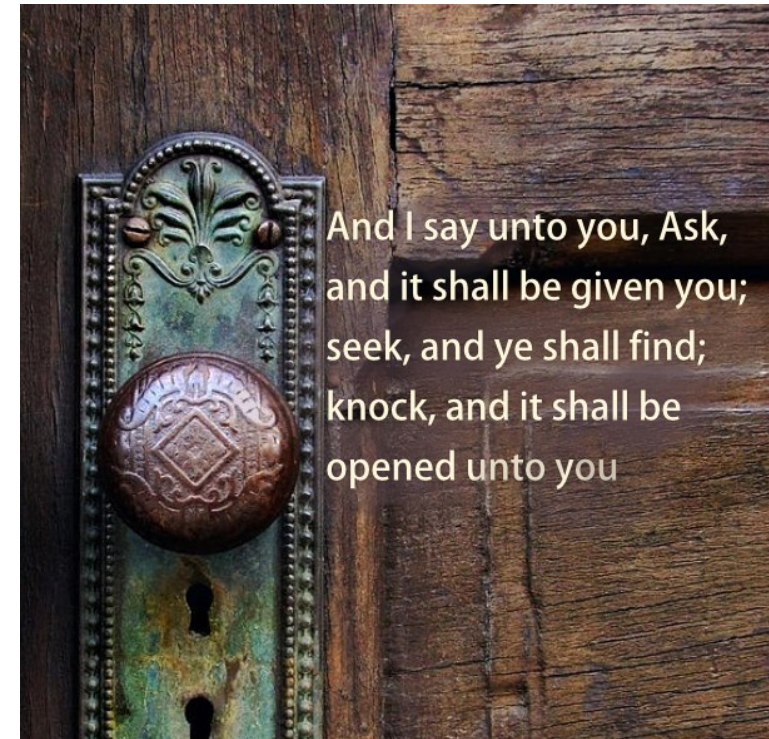
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m. Alayna Krey
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m. Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m. Ann Hardesty
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m. Justin MacKay, Ashley Reed
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Bruce Anschuetz
	9:00 a.m. Kathy Burton, Paul Kieliszewski
	Barb Szczesniak, Jeff Ciupka
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m. Alayna Krey
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Marty Cattleberry and Carol Kindt

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



And I say unto you, Ask,
and it shall be given you;
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be
opened unto you

July 23, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
July 24, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

July 24, 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. 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 “Lord of Light” (Red) #688

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 C.I.A.s trip to the church picnic property on Saturday July 23rd was cancelled due to weather. The rescheduled date will be determined and announced soon.

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 31st 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.

The Scholarship Committee is grateful to those that have brought in their bottle returns, we ask that you keep them coming! The bottle returns can be placed in the janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre Street side, there is a sign on the door to prevent confusion.

Council packets have been sent out electronically. Printed copies will be available at the meeting.

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church is 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 the following donations: They need volunteers to help put on siding, and gas cards & gift cards (Meijer or Walmart) for grocery items. Donations can be dropped off at the church 9:00-4:00, Monday–Friday in room 205.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 24-31, 2022	
<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.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Gnomes – 6:00; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) –7:00 a.m.; Stitched Together – 11:00 a.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.; Worship on the Beach – 7:00 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church–10:30; Fireside Chat at Shipman’s House–5:00; Forget-Me-Nots (Church Basement Ladies)–2:00

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. *(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, Rockford, Rev. Julie Schneider-Thomas

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

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>END OF MAY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Sunday (07/17) 9:00 a.m. 76	Income 22,528.47	129,471.35
	Expenses <u>25,314.36</u>	<u>132,567.24</u>
	Difference (-2,785.89)	(-3,095.89)

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

Thank you to Pastor Bill Rayment, Mike Lewandowski and Karen Wekwert for leading worship.

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 Forget-Me-Nots 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 as soon as possible (989-590-2055).

Official Ordination for Troy Spencer will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Berwick, PA on July 24th 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/>.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

PSALM: Psalm 138 (Read Responsively)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul. **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. **For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

“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.
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

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

(Red) #538

DISMISSAL

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

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LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

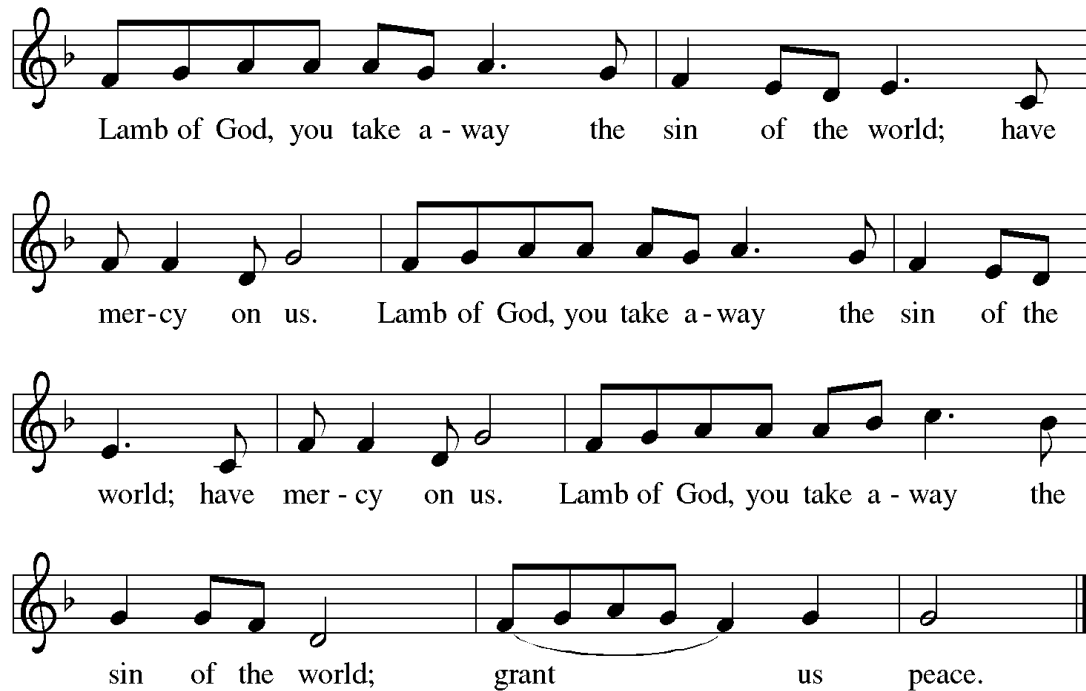
**People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For 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"



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



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.³ Give us each day our daily bread.⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,'⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

(Red) #742

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 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

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

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