

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.

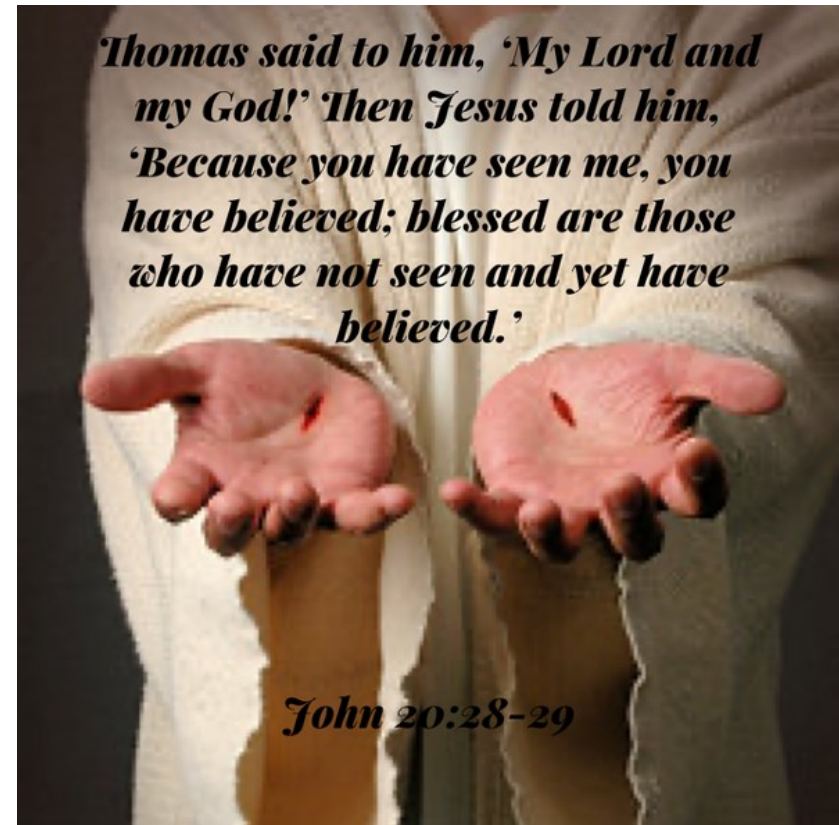
**St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table.** Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m.	Justin MacKay, Ashley Reed
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dennis and Sherry McDonald
	9:00 a.m.	Paul Kieliszewski
		Richard Miller, Tim Moggie
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan McDonald
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

*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*



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

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Second Sunday of Easter

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

April 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

We thank Pastor Bill Rayment, Danielle McDonald and Michael Lewandowski for leading us in worship this weekend.

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY...** We will resume the ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY program with a kick off of our MDOT clean up on May 1, 2022 at 12:00pm. Meet at our church to view the video prior to venturing out for the clean up at our location on M32. Hope you can be there to help! All are welcome!!!

**The Forget-Me-Nots will next meet on Tuesday, May 3 for lunch at JJ's at noon.** Please call Ann Hardesty at 989-471-5304 to make a reservation by Friday, April 29.

**Boy Scout Troop 92 invites you to come join us for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Adults are \$12, Children 8 and under \$7, and family of 4 - \$30. You may get your ticket from a boy scout or purchase them at the door.

**Please join us for a May Video Educational Experience.** We will be watching “Thou Shall Laugh” on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. A meal is provided and discussion afterwards. All are invited.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Garage Sale on June 9 & 10.** Please set aside your items for this upcoming sale. You may start dropping your things at the church on May 1<sup>st</sup> in the designated area in the furnace room, off the dining room. Please box your items, so they can be stacked. We need help with the garage sale and people to pick items up. To volunteer, please contact Andrea at 354-3651.

**The April Service Activity is Wilson Elementary School Clothing closet.** Items needed: Girls leggings size 6/8, 10/12, and 14/16; Boys sweatpants, size small – X-large. Unisex t-shirts, size small – X-large. Please place your items on the altar.

**If you shop Amazon and would like to support St. Paul Lutheran Church** please go to the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1518943> Call the church office for more information, 356-1658.

#### WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 24 – MAY 1, 2022

<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; Jr./Sr. High Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.; Youth Group – 3:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Ray of Sonshine – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Dinner on a Doorknob – 9:00 a.m.; Senior Leaders - 5:00 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Stephen Ministry Training – 4:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) –7:00 a.m.; Stitched Together – 11:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga - 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 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 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; Jr./Sr. High Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.; MDOT Highway Clean-Up – 12:00 p.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Lori Ludwig, Gordie Montroy, John Wegmeyer, Lexi Liske, Natalie, Diane, Alan Kelsey, Deanna Spencer, Ann Hardesty, Madelyn Mills, Geraldine Rhoads, Gary Rich, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Don Kirschner, Bodo Hanson, Roy Sommerfeld, Melissa Smith, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Tim Grossman, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. *We also remember our homebound members.* They are: 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: First Lutheran Church, Muskegon, Rev. William Uetricht

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Adventure Club.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF FEBRUARY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Maundy Thursday	58	Income 33,177.49	53,621.70
Good Friday	55	Expenses <u>34,891.50</u>	<u>54,366.75</u>
Sunday (04/17) 6:30 a.m.	26	Difference (-1,714.01)	(-745.05)
9:00 a.m.	160		
10:30 a.m.	<u>25</u>		
Total	324		

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

St. Paul **Scholarship Committee** will be awarding a scholarship to a 2022 graduating senior or current college student. Applications are available in Miss Nena’s office and must be completed and returned by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**The Scholarship Committee is very grateful to those that have brought in their bottle returns,** we ask that you keep them coming! The bottle returns can be place in the janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre street side. There is a sign on the door for less confusion. Please contact Val Urban 356-4613 if you have questions.

**If you would like to represent the church at the Synod Assembly please talk with Pastor John.** The Synod Assembly will be held virtually on May 14<sup>th</sup>. You will also be required to attend a one-hour technology orientation session on either May 10, 11 or 12. You must be comfortable using computers, mobile, devise and learning/using applications and accessing information from websites.

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** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” (Red) #385

**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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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: Acts 5:27-32**

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29 (Read Responsively)**

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

**I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*(Please Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**



**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

(Red) #376

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
**Thanks be to God.**

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.

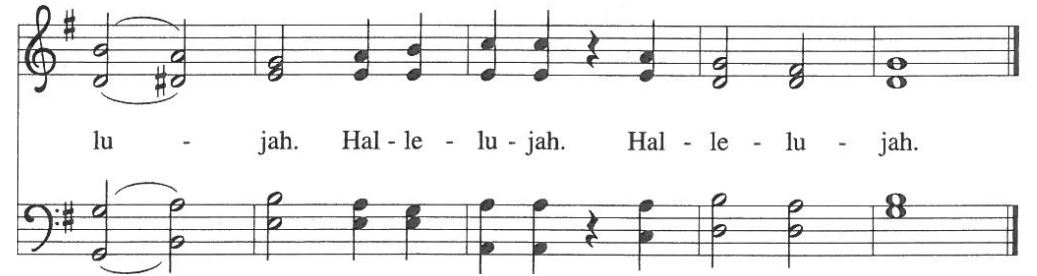
Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



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 Hal - le - lu - jah.



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

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

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Peace of the Lord”

(Red) #646 (vs. 1,2,3)

**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, in your mercy,  
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. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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**

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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.

**EUCHARISTIC BLESSING**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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