

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>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Robb
	9:00 a.m.	Sandra Christopherson, Zully Dameworth
<u>HEAD USHER</u>		Roy Wekwert
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Tim and Barb Smith
	9:00 am.	Richard Miller, Owen Werth
		Jeff Ciupka, Ryan Panknin
<u>CHILDREN’S CHURCH LEADERS</u>		Karen Wekwert, Dawn Grzeskowiak
<u>LITTLES’ WORSHIP CENTER LEADERS</u>		Sue Robb
<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

Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Scholarship Ministry



November 1, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.
November 2, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.
November 2, 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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. 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 “For All the Saints” (Red) #422

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.

The Forget-Me-Nots will be going out for lunch at JJ’s on Tuesday, November 4th at 12:00 p.m. Please call Ann at (989) 590-2055 if you plan to attend.

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.

The St. Paul Christmas Bazaar is November 8th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room, with our famous “Turkey Noodle Casserole” being served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon are available at the church office, or before church services this weekend and next. Bazaar items may be dropped off on Friday, November 7th from 9:00-4:00. If you have any questions, call Esther Kindt at 989-471-2274.

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

The November Service Activity is Thunder Bay Jr. High School. Items needed: Small Healthy Snacks—prepackaged snacks such as granola bars, fruit snacks, crackers, pretzels; Hygiene Products—small shampoos, conditioners, small deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrushes; Clothing— t-shirts—unisex, black leggings/sweatpants, , sweatshirts/warmer sweaters., School Supplies—plain two pocket folders, binders, and notebooks. Please leave items on the altar. Thank you. for your generosity.

Come join the celebration, servant volunteers needed to help decorate the building for the Advent and Christmas Season on Monday, December 1st beginning at 2:00 p.m. Call Donna Kensa if you can help at 989-464-5385. Thanks!

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 2—9, 2025	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC—9:00 a.m./ <i>Blessing of the Hunters/ Veterans and First Responders</i> ; Fellowship—10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service/Children’s Church/C.I.A. - 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 4:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:30 p.m.; Christmas Bazaar Set-Up
<u>TUES.</u>	Forget-Me-Nots – (JJs) – 12:00 p.m.; Education – 5:30 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Stewardship – 3:30 p.m.; Scouting America – 6:30 p.m.; Christmas Bazaar Set-Up
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles – 7:30 a.m.; Prayer Shawl – 10:30 a.m.; Choir – 4:30 p.m.; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m.; Christmas Bazaar Set-Up
<u>THURS.</u>	3M Men’s Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.; Open Line Dance – 1:00 p.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Singles – 5:30 p.m.; Christmas Bazaar Set-Up
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Men’s Retreat – 6:00 p.m.; Christmas Bazaar Set-Up
<u>SAT.</u>	Christmas Bazaar 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Luncheon – 11-1); Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC—9:00 a.m.; Fellowship—10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service/Children’s Church/C.I.A. - 10:30 a.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Mark Byce – health issues	Paul Kroll – health issues	Cheryl Daher – illness
Belinda Page – rec./broken ankle	Marlis Roznowski– health issues	Shelly Hoffmeyer-recovery
Laura – health issues	Cody Franklin – leukemia	Abby Franklin - recovery
Karen Wallace–unspecified need	Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	Carol Kuhl—health issues
Julie Troy – health issues	Margaret Lucian – health issues	David McNeil – health issues
Ric Schmidt – recovery from surgery	Ann Martin – medical issues	Dena Stevens – health issues
Adam Schmidt- health issues	John Wegmeyer– health issues	Chad Hamill– health issues
	Lee Werth—health issues	Malary Smith – unspecified

ARMED SERVICES: Katie Copping, Jake Przysiecki, Noah Hardesty, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Andrew Hein, Justin A. Smith, Maragely Hein, Amelia Berles, Josh Gapske, Nicole Stafford, Chuck Dziedzic, and Dale Kirkendoll. *(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: Grace Lutheran Church, Lansing, Rev. Bryan Schneider-Thomas.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Empowerment through Accountability (E.T.A.) Group.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Arnold Kindt who joined our Lord in eternity on October 24, 2026. His funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on October 31, 2026.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			END OF SEPTEMBER		YEAR TO DATE
Saturday 10/25	5:30 p.m.	49	Income	47,394.50	287,906.01
Sunday 10/26	9:00 a.m.	64	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>36,066.24</u>	<u>294,668.04</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>49</u>	Difference	11,328.26	(6,762.03)
	Total	162			

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Bob and Marion Seguin from Barb, Kathy and family.

We are still in need of a Float Coordinator for the Holiday Parade. Call the church office if you are interested.

If you would like to have altar flowers in honor, memory, or celebration of a special person or occasion, please sign up on the flower chart located in the narthex. Then, call the church office and let them know what you would like to print in the bulletin on that date. There are currently lots of dates available and the cost is only \$20.00.

Don’t forget to set your clocks back an hour Saturday night, November 2. Daylight Saving Time ends November 3.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through 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: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷‘As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.’

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

PSALM: Psalm 149 (Read Responsively)

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. **Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.** Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.** Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. **Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,** to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, **to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgement decreed.** This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics, with the second line starting under the first line's second measure. The third system has one line of lyrics. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and repeat signs.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “For All Your Saints, O Lord” (Red) #427

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

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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.
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: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:20-31

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. ‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
²² ‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
²⁴ ‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ ‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. ‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ ‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.
²⁷ ‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

Children’s Message “This Little Light of Mine”
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

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(Please be seated)
SERMON “Rejoice in Heaven’s Reward” Rev. John Shipman
(Please stand)
HYMN OF THE DAY “Shall We Gather at the River” (Red) #423

BLESSING OF THE HUNTERS, FIRST RESPONDERS AND VETERANS

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

Musical notation for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: '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

Musical notation for 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: '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.'

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"

Musical notation for 'Lamb of God' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: '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.'