

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.

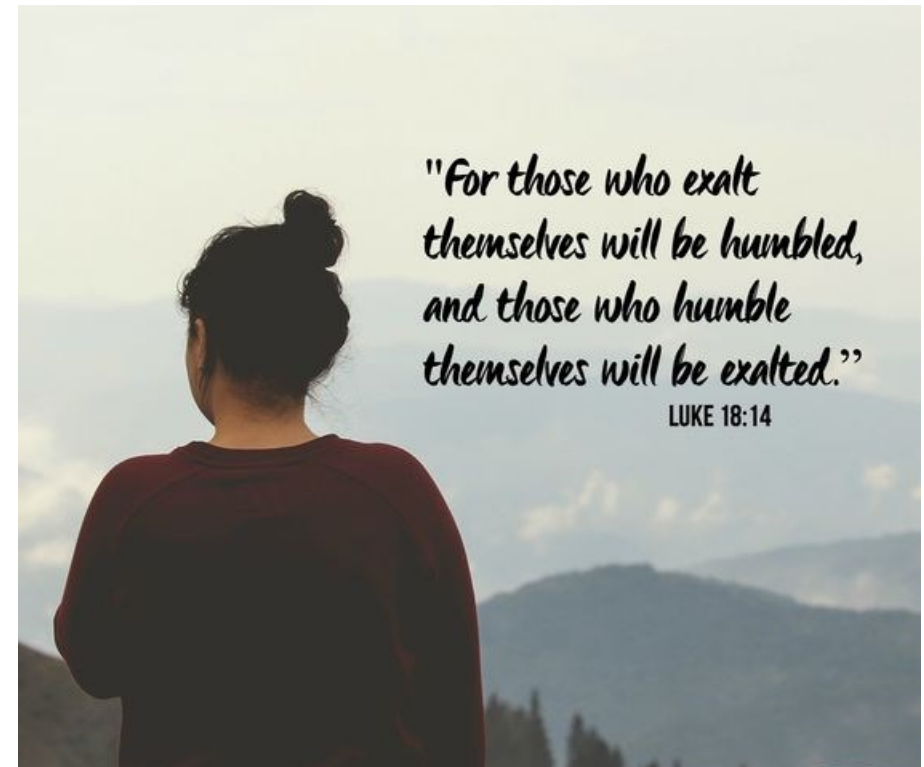
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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> | | |
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| <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. | Carol Kindt |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Esther Kindt |
| <u>LECTOR</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Carol Kindt |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Cathy Kieliszewski |
| <u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Anita Laub |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Justin and Ashley MacKay |
| <u>USHERS & GREETERS</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Cindy Tchorzynski |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Barb Szczesniak, Richard Miller Owen Werth, Paul Kieliszewski |
| <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



October 22, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
October 23, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
October 23, 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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. 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 “The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing” (Red) #532

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 will be participating in the community Trunk or Treat event again this year, which will be held Friday, October 28th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We are accepting donations of candy. You may drop them off at the church.

Boy Scout Troop 92 invited you to join us for a **Soup & Pie Dinner on Friday, October 28th** from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Prices are \$10 for Adult, \$6 for children (10 and under), \$28 for a family of four and children under 4 are free. You can buy tickets from any of the Boy Scouts or pick them up in the church office on Thursday mornings from Joanne, if possible. Come and enjoy delicious homemade soups and desserts!

Our October Service Activity is Ella White Elementary School. Items needed: pants – kid sizes 6 through 14, plain t-shirts – sizes 5-8, gloves, socks, and snacks. Please leave your items on the altar.

The Forget-Me-Nots will meet for lunch on Tuesday, November 1, at 12:00 at the 19th Hole. Let Ann know if you plan to attend by October 28, so a group reservation can be made. The Civic Theatre is presenting a matinee performance of “Arsenic and Old Lace” on Sunday, October 30 at 2:00. If you are interested in attending, also call Ann at 989-590-2055. Tickets that have been paid for, will be picked up on October 27.

Mark your calendars for our next Men’s Retreat on November 4th – our theme is “Spiritual Leadership.” The event will take place at 1921 Long Rapids Road and there is no cost associated with this event. We will explore God’s promises for community and fellowship for men. Ages 18 – 100 are invited to discover God’s faithfulness in your faith journey. Please call the church office to sign-up.

We are continuing to collect individually wrapped snacks for the Cancer Center. They may be dropped off in Nena's Office.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the donation of homemade or store-bought pies for the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Friendship Room. They are in need of 12 pies, but if more are donated they will be welcomed for use with future meals. Pies should be dropped off in the kitchen at St. Paul by noon on Wednesday, November 23rd.

| WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 23 - 30, 2022 | |
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| <u>SUN.</u> | Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church and C.I.A. (Youth) –10:30 a.m. |
| <u>MON.</u> | Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m. |
| <u>TUES.</u> | Dinner on a Doorknob - 9:00 a.m.; Cub Scouts - 5:30; Church Council—6:00 p.m.; Gnomes - 6:00; Boy Scouts - 6:30 p.m. |
| <u>WED.</u> | Women’s Breakfast – 7:30 a.m.; Matthew Bible Study – 1:00 & 5:30 p.m.; Fearless Book Study – 5:30 p.m.; Choir Practice – 6:00 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.; Boy Scout’s Soup & Pie Dinner – 4:00-7:00 p.m.; Downtown Community Trunk or Treat – 5:00 – 7:00 p.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.; Fellowship–10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church –10:30 a.m. |

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Peter Roznowski, Paula Baker, Lucille Hanna Withum, Philip Donakowski, June Sylvester, Aggie Woloszyk, Jerry Swanson, Annette Wade, Zay, Lisa Hilberg, Sandra Christopherson, Larkin Kerby, William Taylor, John Wegmeyer, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Dorothy LaFleche, Sally Barney, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Lori Ludwig, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Bodo Hanson, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Audrey Reck, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, 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: New Life Lutheran Church, Spruce, Rev. Chrisy Bright

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Beatrice Dohn from Donna Dohn Kensa.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday (10/16) 9:00 a.m. - 86

END OF AUGUST

Income 26,170.10
Expenses 26,416.90
Difference (-246.80)

YEAR TO DATE

206,868.67
211,797.54
(-4,928.87)

Join us for our Autumn Educational Opportunities, which run through October 28. Pastor John is holding a Bible Study on Matthew and Miss Nena is leading a Book Study on "Fearless, Ordinary Women of the Bible who dared to do Extraordinary Things," by Angela Donadio. Pastor John's classes meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 and 5:30 PM and Miss Nena's class also meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

Join us for a November Video Educational Experience. We will be watching "Heaven Is for Real" on November 9th at 6:00 p.m. A meal is provided and discussion. All are invited. Please call the church office and let them know if you are coming, which will help with the planning.

The St. Paul Christmas Bazaar is November 5th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. Tickets for the luncheon are now available for sale either at the church office or bazaar member. The proceeds from the Bazaar will go to new flooring for the Sanctuary. We will tithe 10% of the day's profits to Sheriff Lynch Memorial Headstone Fund and Thunder Bay Jr High Outreach Program. If you have any questions, please call Lori at 356-4753, or Esther at 471-2274.

A Taste From Home will be sending packages in November to our members serving in the Military. If you would like to donate, or drop off non-perishable items, we will add them to the boxes. Also, soon we will have Christmas notecards for you to fill out. *(Thank you to Teresa Hart for the donation of 50 cards.)* You may drop your written note in the box located in the Narthex. Please do not seal the envelope!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our rebellions indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. ⁸ O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? ⁹ Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander; they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace but find no good, for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. ²⁰ We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. ²¹ Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. ²² Can any idols of the nations bring rain, or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-7 (Read Responsively)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the

faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

(Red) #547

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

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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. 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.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Self-Righteous”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

(Red) #588

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 Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **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

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

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.

(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"

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