

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.

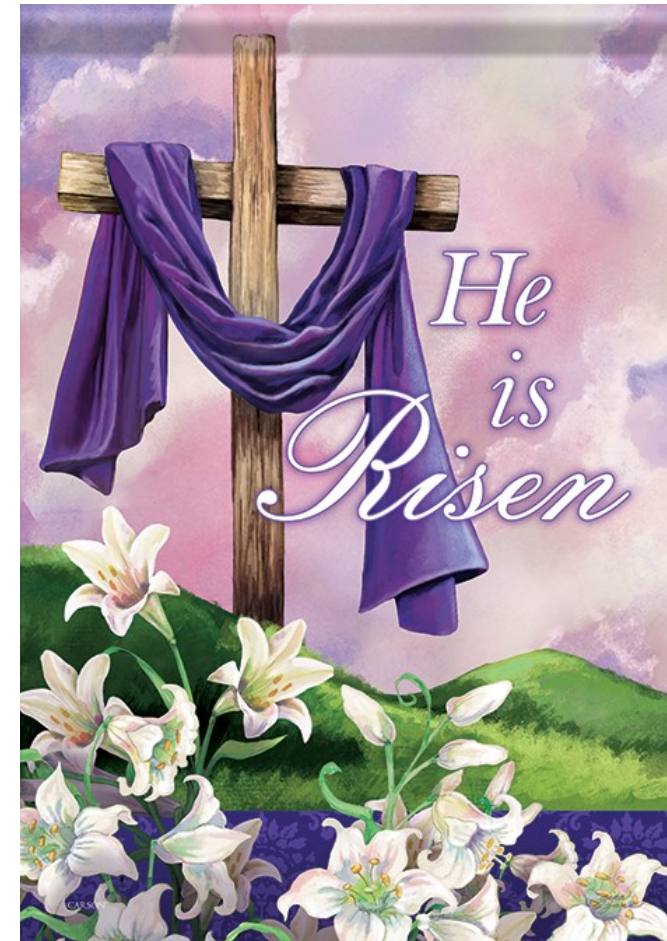
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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>	9:00 a.m.	Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	9:00 a.m.	Cathy Kieliszewski
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	9:00 a.m.	Laurie Stafford
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	6:30 a.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 am.	Steve and Andrea Dutcher
		Kathy Burton, Nancy St. Onge
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan Peterson
<u>CROSS-BEARER</u>	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<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 17, 2022
9:00 a.m.

There will be a Community Fundraiser to benefit Ukrainian refugees at the Aplex on April 22 and 23 in the Ballroom. Any donations for the sale and bake sale items can be dropped off on the 20 & 21 from 9-5 (please price your baked items). Call 989-217-6335 to volunteer or with questions. Visit us on Facebook at: Ukrainian Refugee Fundraiser-Alpena

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 returned by April 30th.

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.

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 14th. 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.

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

St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Garage Sale in June. Please set aside your items for this upcoming sale. If you have any questions please contact Andrea Dutcher at 354-3651. You may start dropping off your items at the church in May.

Our congregation's snack donations for the Cancer Center were recently delivered. The staff appreciated receiving these for cancer patients undergoing treatment. If you would like to make further donations of packaged nuts, crackers with peanut butter or cheese, rice crispy treats, candy bars, Jolly Rancher hard candies, oatmeal packets or pudding snacks, please drop them off at Miss Nena's office.

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 17 – 24, 2022	
SUN.	Easter Worship/HC – 6:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.; 10:30; Easter Breakfast following the 6:30 a.m. worship service; Bake Sale between services
MON.	Church Office Closed; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 5:30 p.m.
TUES.	Stephen Ministry - 1:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
THURS.	Men's Fellowship (JJ's) – 7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga - 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
FRI.	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Tech Talk – 3:00 p.m.
SAT.	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
SUN.	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.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Gordie Montroy, John Wegmeyer, Natlie, Diane, Alan Kelsey, Deanna Spencer, Ann Hardesty, Lexi Liske, 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 (*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: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mt. Pleasant, Rev. Dana Hendershot

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for those who lead, help and those who participate in the Children's Church.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Karen Morton, who joined our Lord in eternity April 9th, 2022. Her funeral was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, April 14th.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>END OF FEBRUARY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Wednesday Lent Service (4/6) 37	Income 33,177.49	53,621.70
Saturday (04/09) 5:30 p.m. 66	Expenses <u>34,891.50</u>	<u>54,366.75</u>
Sunday (04/10) 9:00 a.m. 71	Difference (-1,714.01)	(-745.05)
10:30 a.m. <u>26</u>		
Total 200		

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the glory of God.

Please note: The church office will be closed all day on Monday, April 18th.

The Crafters will be hosting a Bake Sale today between the Easter Services. Come check out the cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, cupcakes, sweet breads, and other choices for your Easter Sunday festivities. All proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of fruit, vegetables, and canning supplies for the Christmas Bazaar. If you have any questions call Lori Ludwig at 356-4753.

Come join us for weekend Fellowship. On Saturday Night we meet before the service at 4:30 for coffee and baked goods until 5:20. Fellowship for the 9:00 service and the 10:30 service will occur in-between the service time. Everyone is invited to join us.

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.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
Easter Sunday
April 17, 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**.*

Prelude "Easter Celebration"

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 "Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!" **Choir**

(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.

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 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (Red) #365

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, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In Memory of:

Gus Schultz, Ken and Dee Johnson, and Dennis Johnson from Jean Johnson and children and grandchildren
Ruth Robb from Barb and Tom Bates
Floyd L. Montie, Jr. from Nancy Montie
Ada and Edward Precour from Barbara Crittenden
Michael and Richard Brown from Barbara Crittenden
Our loved ones in heaven from Jim and Doreen Kriniak
Arthur and Margaret Kieliszewski from Catherine Kieliszewski
My deceased loved ones from Maxine Miller





**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Alpena, Michigan
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022**

The beautiful flowers that adorn our cross and sanctuary are given:

In Honor of:

Myra Gapske from her children and grandchildren
Kalvin Myles Urban, 1st Birthday-April 16, 2022 from Grammy and Pop-Pop Urban
My great grandchildren—Emily and Ella Smith, Harper Smith, Hailee and Finnley
Main, and Arlo, Becket and Jovi Byce from Myra Gapske
Norma Schultz from Jean Johnson and children and grandchildren
Nick, Heather and Angela Montie from Nancy Montie

In Memory of:

Ferdinand Dohn, Beatrice Dohn, Terry Dohn, Carol Schenk, and Cathy Dohn from
your loving family
Mel Huggler from Joanne Huggler
Harold and Ruth Zaske from Joanne Huggler
Our brothers, Tony Kucharek and Jim Ilsley, from Jim and MaryAnne Kucharek
Our beloved grandmother, Alba Ora Mills, from Bill, Kendra and Alyssa Shupert
and Anna LaRoche
Our beloved daughter, Arianna Jean Shupert, from Mom, Dad and sister Alyssa
Irving and Virginia Christopherson from Ivan, Barbara, Ashley, Kyle, Levi, Myles,
Brooke, Justin, Cody and Paige
Donald Bromund from his wife, Marjorie
Richard Guyott from his wife, Jane Guyott
Gus and Ilse Kuhl from Mary and George and Carol Kuhl
Charles Geisbuhler from Rudy and Marie Kowalski
Bob and Marion Seguin from Barb and Lee Szczesniak and Kathy and Bob Burton
Ed and Frieda Szczesniak from Barb and Lee Szczesniak and Kathy and Bob Burton
Gerald and Dorothy Girard from Barb and Lee Szczesniak and Kathy and Bob Burton
Frederick (Ted) Burton from Barb and Lee Szczesniak and Kathy and Bob Burton
Howard and Kristin Lahti from Jodie
Beloved friends: Bob Wegmeyer and his daughter, Susan Crowell, from Mollie Skiba
Gerry and Jim Ludwig from Jim and Gloria Ludwig and family
Hazel and Bruce “Red” Crittenden from Barbara Crittenden

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Read Responsively)

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

Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

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.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Organ Postlude

“Hallelujah”

G. Handel

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SERMON NOTES

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

GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they

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: 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 "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" (Red) #382

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

did not believe them.¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

(Please be seated)
SERMON "An Easter Life"

(Please stand)
HYMN OF THE DAY "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" (Red) #369

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 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

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 - does you! My
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
F G C Am F G⁷ 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.

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

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"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"