

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>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Burton
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Joan Smolinski
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dennis & Sherry McDonald
	9:00 a.m.	Tim Moggie, Barb Szczesniak Richard Miller, Kathy Burton
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Carol Kindt and Marty Cantleberry

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

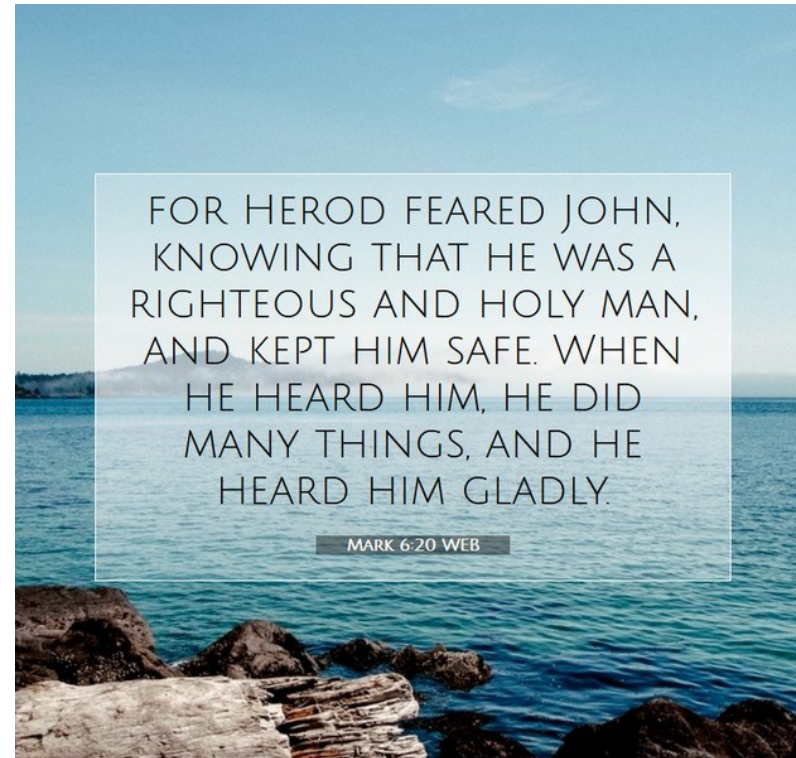
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Worship Ministry



July 13, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

July 14, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
July 14, 2024 - 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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. 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

“God Is Here!”

(Red) #526

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.

Are you ready for some fresh grilled hotdogs and hamburgers? Meet us at the Picnic Grounds on Sunday, July 14, beginning at noon until ????. The Adventure Club will provide meat, grill masters and drinks. If you wish, bring a dish to pass, swimsuit, lawn chair and your enthusiasm as we swim, play volleyball and relax in God’s creation with God’s people.

A new group was formed in honor of Joy "Shirley" Brooks called "Stitches of Joy." This group gathers to sew projects that will be distributed throughout the community in her name. If you would like to join this dynamic ministry, we are meeting at Sandy Dee's Quilt Shop every month, on the third Thursday (July 18th). Bring your sewing machine and supplies, a sack lunch and an open heart. Questions? Contact Karen at 989-464-0204.

The "Little's Worship Center," (nursery) is all set to go and we are searching for servant leaders who love babies. If you would like to help our families with babies at the 10:30 worship service or have any questions, speak with Pam Laity, 586-634-9841. There will be a meeting for all those interested, and those who have already signed up, on Sunday, July 21st at 10:15 a.m. in the nursery.

Worship on the Beach. We will celebrate 3 more times this summer at our beach property. The final Saturday of each month (July 27, August 31, and September 28) at 7:00 p.m. 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 p.m. We will carpool from the church and travel to the beach property at 6:30 p.m. The service and time of fellowship will last from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. If there is rain, we will reschedule.

We will resume the ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY program with a kick off of our MDOT clean up on Sunday, July 28th. Please save the date for our next pick-up as well, which will be on Sunday, September 22nd. We will meet at our church to view the video prior to venturing out for the clean up at our location on M-32. Hope you can be there to help with this project! All are welcome!!!

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a fireside chat on July 28th from 5:00-7:00. We will sit by the firepit near 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 14 – 21, 2024	
SUN.	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church - 10:30 a.m.; The Adventure Club Church Picnic (at Picnic Grounds) – 12:00 p.m.
MON.	Newsletter Deadline; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.
TUES.	Cub Scouts–5:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts– 6:30 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 8:30 p.m.
WED.	Breakfast Belles <i>Women’s Breakfast</i> (at JJ’s)–7:30 a.m.
THURS.	Men’s Breakfast (JJ’s)– 7:00 a.m.; Stitches of Joy – 10:00 a.m.; Gentle Yoga – 1:30 p.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Soul Sisters Kayaking – 6:00 p.m.
FRI.	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
SAT.	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
SUN.	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Little’s Worship Center (Nursery) Meeting– 10:15 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:	Pam Laity – health issues	Colton Henning -medical issues
Tammy Stoutenburg-unspecified need	Annette Wade – medical issues	Art Hoffmeyer- heart issues
Laura Kieliszewski – health	Joel Foster – health concerns	Chris Kowalski – health need
Scott Brooks – health issues	John Wegmeyer – health issues	Eugene Brooks–health issues
Jack Walters – unspecified need	Harvey & Debbie Atkinson– health	Judy Hand - Pneumonia
Marian Dove–unspecified need	Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	Richard Wood– fractured ankle
Karen Wallace – unspecified need	Dixie Creiver – health issues	Jim Smith – health issues
David Reeves – health issues	Dena Stevens – health issues	Margaret Lucian – health issues
Dale Zielaskowski - health issues	Chad Hamill – health issues	

(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: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Rev. Kevin O’ Bryan.

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

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Milton “Bodo” Hanson, who joined our Lord in eternity July 10, 2024. His funeral will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Monday, July 15th at 11:00 a.m.

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

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF APRIL</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (07/06)	5:30 p.m.	47	Income	25,334.44	106,408.73
Sunday (07/07)	9:00 a.m.	47	Expenses	20,929.81	120,047.30
	10:30 a.m.	<u>38</u>	Difference	4,404.63	(13,638.57)
Total		132			

VBS - Calling all Saints at Saint Paul to save the dates for this summer’s *Splash into God’s Word Party* at the Starlite Beach Pavilion on Tuesday – Thursday, July 30th thru August 1st from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Plan now to come join us. **There will be a VBS preparation meeting** on Tuesday, July 23rd at 4:00 p.m. Please come help.

SALT (Sisters Abiding in Light and Truth) meet the 3rd Sunday of each month, however we will not meet in July. On August 18th, we will get together for Putt-Putt Golf. This is for younger women who are 18 - 45. Be in prayer for this younger women’s group.

The July Service Activity is the Little Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church. Items needed: macaroni & cheese, individual breakfast cereal, non-perishable milk, 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, and feminine hygiene products. Please leave items on the altar. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

⁷ This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. ⁸ And the Lord said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’ Amaziah Complains to the King

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”’

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

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

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13 (Read Responsively)

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14 (Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for

adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.¹¹ In 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,¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.¹³ In 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;¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

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: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (Red) #414

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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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”

**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.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵ But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong
Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so

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(Please be seated)
SERMON

“Spiritual Blindness”

Pastor John Shipman

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 In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

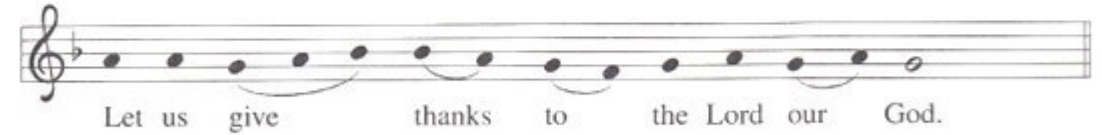
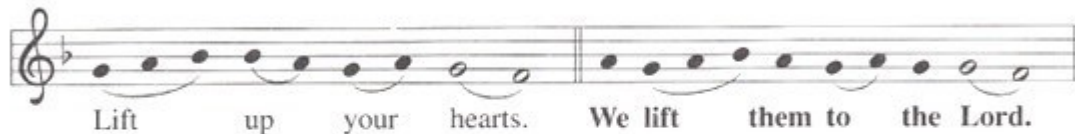
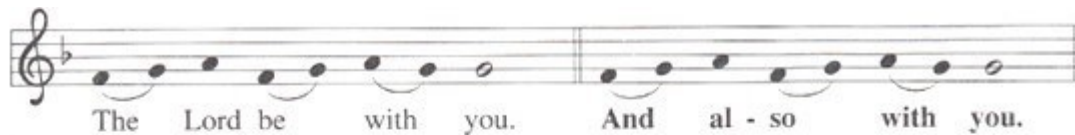
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

(Please stand)

(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

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