

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.	Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce, Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Laurie Stafford
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dennis and Sherry McDonald
	9:00 a.m.	Cathy Kieliszewski, Kathy Burton Nancy St. Onge, Ryan Panknin
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan Peterson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cantleberry, Pat Cornelius, 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

**A new commandment I give you,
that you love one another:
just as I have loved you,
you also are to love one another.**



**By this all people will know
that you are my disciples, if you
have love for one another.**

-John 13:34-35

**May 14, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
May 15, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

May 15, 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.

A Taste From Home is in need of contact information for the following military members for our next package mailing. Please contact the church office or Nancy Smith at 989-255-0976 (nrsmith6@gmail.com) with contact information for: Jacqueline Crimmins, Mandy Killingbeck and Charles Tudor.

Looking to play a part in the ministry at St Paul? We're looking for you! The Fellowship team could use "a few good folks" to help setup for Saturday evening or Sunday morning Fellowship time. For more information call Joy Brooks at 920-566-0653. The Fellowship volunteers will be having a thank you pizza party and planning meeting on Wed., May 18th, at 5:30 in the dining room. See you there!!

Next Saturday, May 21st, we will be commissioning our new Stephen Ministers, Patti Byce and Sue Robb. Please keep them in your prayers.

St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Garage Sale on June 9 & 10. Please set aside your items for this upcoming sale. You may drop your things at the church 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, contact Andrea 354-3651.

The May Service Activity is Sanborn Elementary School Clothing closet. Items needed: Boys: athletic pants 4-6, underwear size 6, long sleeved shirts 8-10-12-14, winter coats 14-16-18, cloth mittens (all sizes girls and boys); Girls: hairbrushes, child size toothbrushes, t-shirts 4-6, long sleeve shirts 4-6, short sleeved dresses 4-6, winter coats 14-16-18. Please place your items on the altar.

We are looking for a team to help with the 4th of July Parade this year. Last year's float was special as we celebrated 150 years of ministry. This year can be just as special. Please contact the church office if you would like to be part of this ministry vision/outreach.

Council packets have been sent out electronically. Printed copies will be available at Tuesday's meeting.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: MAY 15—22, 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.; The Adventure Club Karaoke Party – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Newsletter Deadline
<u>TUES.</u>	Ray of Sonshine – 5:00 p.m.; Senior Leaders – 5:00 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Gnomes – 6:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Fellowship Planning Meeting—5:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men's Fellowship (JJ's) –7:00 a.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; Thou Shalt Laugh Video and Meal – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Blessing of Bikes (VFW Hall) – 11:00 a.m., BBQ Fundraiser for BillieJo Foster – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.; Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m. (Stephen Ministers Commissioned)
<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.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Keeley Knapp, Denise, Lori Ludwig, William Taylor, Marlene Bartz, Gordie Montroy, John Wegmeyer, Natalie, Diane, Alan Kelsey, Deanna Spencer, Lexi Liske, Geraldine Rhoads, Gary Rich, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Don Kirschner, Bodo Hanson, Roy Sommerfeld, 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: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Niles, Rev. Wayne Shearier

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the weekly Fellowship time.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF MARCH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (05/07) 5:30 p.m.	47	Income 23,642.88	77,264.58
Sunday (05/08) 9:00 a.m.	66	Expenses <u>27,609.02</u>	<u>81,975.77</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>27</u>	Difference (-3,966.14)	(-4,711.19)
Total	140		

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Warren Libka, on our 70th Wedding Anniversary (May 10th) and his birthday (May 20th) from Dolores Libka.

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. Please call the church office if you plan to attend, which will help with the meal planning. All are invited.

On Sunday, May 15th, the Adventure Club will have a Karaoke Party from 3:00—5:00 p.m. Adam, our own media coordinator, will host this event. The line dancers will be there to perform and teach us a new dance as well. Everyone is invited to join us for singing, dancing, food, fellowship, and fun! This is a family event and open to everyone. There is no charge. Come and join the adventure!

Join us for our Summer Educational Opportunities, which run June 1st through July 14th. Pastor John will hold a Book Study on Christian Basics by Dorothy & Gabriel Fackre and Miss Nena will lead a Bible Study on Gideon,” by Priscilla Shirer. Each class length will be 1 hour. Pastor John’s Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and Miss Nena’s class will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

We will celebrate Tee Shirt Weekend on June 4th & 5th. Please don your favorite St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Tee Shirt and wear it proudly to worship.

The Soul Sisters first kayaking night will be May 25 at 6:30 p.m., meeting at Duck Park. We will meet every other Wednesday thru September, if weather permits.

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 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” (Red) #367

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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 148 (Read Responsively)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

"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.

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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.**

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.

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

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“A Little Longer”

(Please stand)
HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

(Red) #377

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

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 - 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