

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.

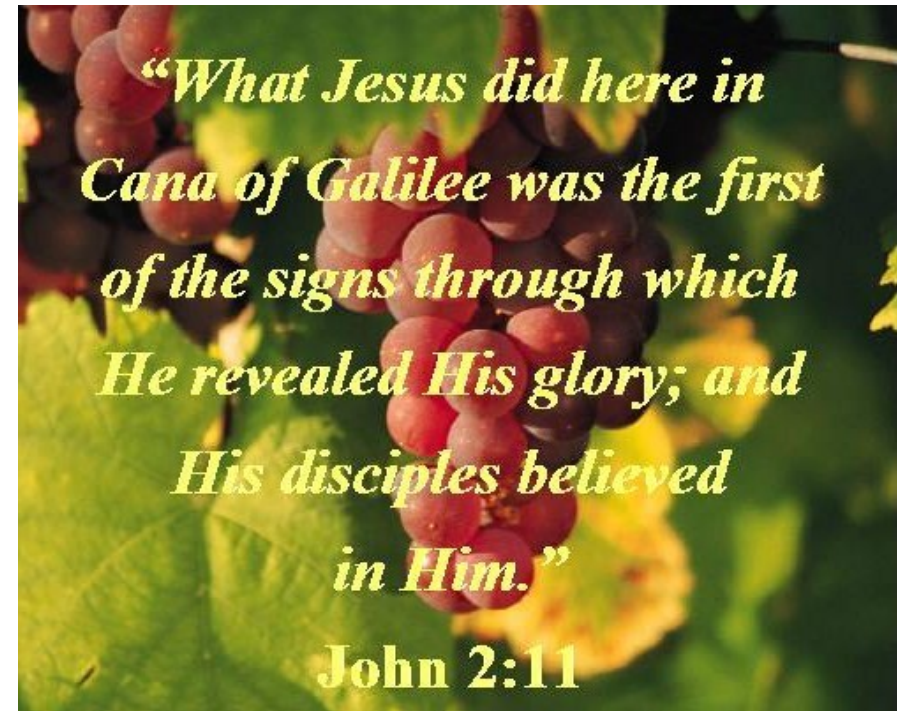
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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. Annie Olsen 9:00 a.m. Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m. Annie Olsen 9:00 a.m. Richard Miller
<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. Patti Byce 9:00 am. Nancy St. Onge, Owen Werth Kathy Burton, Tim Moggie
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m. Alayna Krey
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Shirley Kowalski, Sue Moggie, Jessica O’Neil, Karen Wekwert

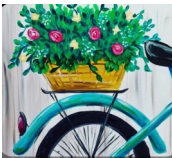
We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Worship Service
celebrates and shares God’s love and compassion
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



January 15, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
January 16, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

The Soul Sisters will be painting a picture for their next get-together, which is on Wednesday, January 26th. Taitha Lockhart from My Front Porch will be leading us. You can choose your own colors to match your decor. The cost is \$40.00 and the class will begin at 6:00PM at the church. To make it easier for you and Taitha, please send your email address to Taitha either through text or email so she can invoice you and you can pay with a credit or debit card online. To text, use 989.657.4080 or to email use Mommieof4girls@gmail.com. If you would like to participate but can not afford this, please contact Pastor John. We want everyone who wants to participate to be able to participate! Please RSVP by Friday, January 21st. You can either respond through email or call Karen at 464-0204.



We now have recycling for church events only. We currently have 2 stations available. One in the Banner Room and the other in the Buffer Room, off the kitchen. We can take clean/dry plastic, metal, and paper.

The January Service Activity is Alpena High School. Items needed: water bottles, composition notebooks, pink pearl erasers, sticky notes, mechanical pencils, colored pencils, larger backpacks, draw string backpacks, 2 pocket folders, sharpies, highlighters, and ear buds. Place your items on the altar.

The Youth Group picks up again for the new year on Sunday, January 23rd, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We will continue to meet on the 4th Sunday of each month. We look forward to gathering again. Come join us!

The Forget-Me-Nots will next gather on Tuesday, February 1 at 1:00. We will meet in the multi-purpose room to watch a movie and enjoy some popcorn. More information to come. If you have a question, please call Ann Hardesty (989-471-5304).

Please don't forget to re-cycle the canning jars and rings from this year's bazaar. They can be brought to the "Jar Room" across from the lounge anytime. *Thank you.*

The Scholarship Committee is very grateful to those that have brought in their bottle returns, we ask that you keep them coming! The bottle returns can be placed in the janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre street side. There is a sign on the door for less confusion. Please contact Val Urban 356-4613 if you have questions.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 16 – 23, 2022	
<u>SUN.</u>	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 at Thunder Bowl Lanes 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Stephen Ministry Supervision – 1:00 p.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Senior Leaders – 5:00 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Stephen Ministry – 4:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men's Fellowship (JJ's) – 7:00 a.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; Bible Study (Nena)- 6:30
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Technology Appreciation Class – 4:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.; Pasta Night (following service)
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children's Church – 10:30 a.m.; Jr./Sr. High Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.; Youth Group – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Eugene Brooks, Emily and Theo Shipman, Al Roy, Don Kirschner, Stacey Mikesch, Tim, Dawn & Mitchel Havercroft, Kenneth and June Sylvester, Gary Rich, Karen Morton, Kelci Ghiata, Skyler Kilcrease, Jim Miller, Randy Donakowski, John Tinker, Gladys Kelsey, Bodo Hanson, Roy Sommerfeld, Dorothy Carr, Melissa Smith, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Charlie Busuttill, Eleanor Schellie, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Tim Grossman, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Grace Lutheran Church, Lansing, Rev. Christin Fawcett.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		END OF NOV.	YEAR TO DATE
Saturday (01/08) 5:30 p.m.	50	Income 25,452.48	278,068.17
Sunday (01/09) 9:00 a.m.	52	Expenses <u>25,890.25</u>	<u>275,754.92</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>20</u>	Difference (437.77)	2,313.22
Total	122		

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

Recovery Yoga is meeting on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Please come join us.

Upcoming Pasta Night on January 22 after the 5:30 service. Bring your appetite and join us for fellowship and fun.

Technology Appreciation Workshops: Join Adam for an AAH (Adam's Advice Hub) moment with technology. Bring your smart phones, laptops & expectation to be Amazed. Friday January 21st @ 4 pm and/or Monday January 24th @ 11am.

Make plans now to join us for our February Video Educational Experience! On Thursday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m., we will be watching "Fireproof." A meal is provided and discussion. All are invited. There is no cost associated with this event.

The men meet every Thursday morning at JJ's at 7:00 a.m. This is a great time of discussion and celebration of God at work in the church. Come and be part of this gospel expression.

St. Paul's First Men's retreat is January 28th & 29th beginning at 5:00 PM on Friday Night and ending at 11:00 on Saturday Morning. This is open to all men from 18 - 100. Please contact the office and reserve your spot. There is no cost associated with this event.

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

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

January 16, 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 creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. 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

"Gather Us In"

(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.

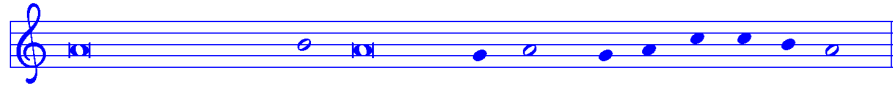
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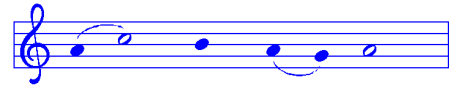
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



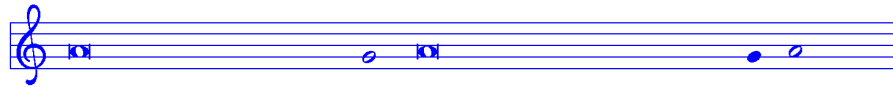
Lord, have mer - cy.



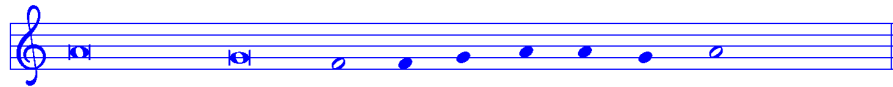
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



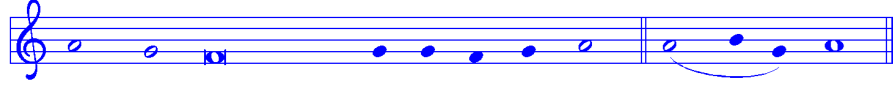
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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SERMON NOTES

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



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.

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

(Red) #537

HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain
Assisting minister
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and
strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10 (Read Responsively)

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

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"

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.**

(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 - 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

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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 - lu - jah.

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

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then

the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"Bring Out Your Best"

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

(Red) #523

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 of grace,

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. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **Amen.**

(Please stand)