

### 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.

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<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.	Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Burton
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m.	Justin MacKay, Ashley Reed
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dennis and Sherry McDonald
	9:00 a.m.	Richard Miller, Paul Kieliszewski Barb Szczesniak
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Cayden Smith
<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*



**June 25, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**June 26, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 25, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**

**June 26, 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, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. 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** “Will You Come and Follow Me” (Red) #798

**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.**

**The Parade Committee is looking for donations** of summer parade friendly candy, flavor ice type popsicles, small water bottles to pass out at the parade, red, white, and blue tissue paper. Please drop items to the church office. Also needed are volunteers to help make decorations, assemble the float, and ride or walk with the float. Please contact the office if you can help.

**The June Service Activity is the Baby Pantry.** Items needed: Diapers (all sizes), formula, baby food, wipes, and bath supplies. Please place your items on the altar.

**C.I.A. (Youth Group) Bowling Event!** All teens 6th-12th grade are invited to bowling and pizza, June 29th from 6-8. 2 hours of play, shoe rentals, and pop/pizza will be provided. Come enjoy a little indoor fun! You need to RSVP by June 26, to Danielle McDonald 616-322-7958 or to the church. Thank you.

**Worship on the Beach.** We will celebrate the final Saturday of each month (June 25, July 30, August 27 and September 24) at 7:00 P.M. This service will proclaim the gospel and celebrate the promises of God outdoors. 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. We will carpool from the church and travel to the beach property at 6:30. The service and time of fellowship will last from 7:00-9:00. If there is rain, we will reschedule.

**Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house for a Fireside Chat** in June on the 26th from 5:00-7:00. We will sit by the firepit by 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.

**Our congregation’s snack donations for the Cancer Center were 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, pudding snacks, drop them off at Miss Nena’s office.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JUNE 26 – JULY 3, 2022	
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC– 9:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church–10:30 a.m.; Fireside Chat (at Shipman’s house) – 5:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Stephen Ministry – 2:00 p.m.; Gnomes – 6:00; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Christian Basics Book Study – 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) –7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga - 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; “Gideon Your Weakness, God’s Strength” Book Study – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.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.; 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:** Dorothy LaFleche, Sally Barney, Richard Miller, Donna Kowalski, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Keeley Knapp, Lori Ludwig, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Don Kirschner, Bodo Hanson, Roy Sommerfeld, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Summerix, Eleanor Schellie, Audrey Reck, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. *We also remember our homebound members.* They are: Harriet Burke, Virginia Kraft, Virginia Beau-lieu, Deb Lange, Phyllis Robb, and Delores Stevens. *(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: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Portage, Rev. Rachel Laughlin.

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Christmas Bazaar.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF APRIL</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (06/18)	5:30 p.m.	Income	29,678.30	106,942.88
Sunday (06/19)	9:00 a.m.	Expenses	<u>25,277.11</u>	<u>107,252.88</u>
	10:30 a.m.	Difference	4,401.19	(-310.00)
Total				

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Chuck Geisbuhler from Marie and Rudy Kowalski.

Join us for our Summer Educational Opportunities, which run through July 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor John is holding a Book Study on Christian Basics by Dorothy & Gabriel Fackre and Miss Nena is leading a Bible Study on “Gideon Your Weakness, God’s Strength,” by Priscilla Shirer. Each class length is 1 hour. Pastor John’s class meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 and 5:30 PM and Miss Nena’s class meet on Thursdays at 5:30.

**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church is now a drop-off location for donations to help the people in Gaylord.** If you would like to assist the residents in Gaylord, after their community was devastated by a Tornado, the Otsego County United Way is looking for donations to be dropped off and used immediately. They are currently looking for: chap stick, sunblock, cleaning supplies (household cleaners, wipes, paper towels, etc.), garbage bags, phone chargers, laundry detergent, and gift cards (for food or gas) of any denomination. Donations can be dropped off at the church 9:00-4:00, Monday–Friday in room 205.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 16 (Read Responsively)**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”**  
 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.  
**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**  
 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.  
**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**  
 I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.  
**I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**  
 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.  
**For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.**  
 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1-13-25**

**<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**  
**<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another.**  
**<sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**  
**<sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.**

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*(Please Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

(Red) #768

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

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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. Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62**

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup> And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

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*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

(Red) #810

**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. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **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.

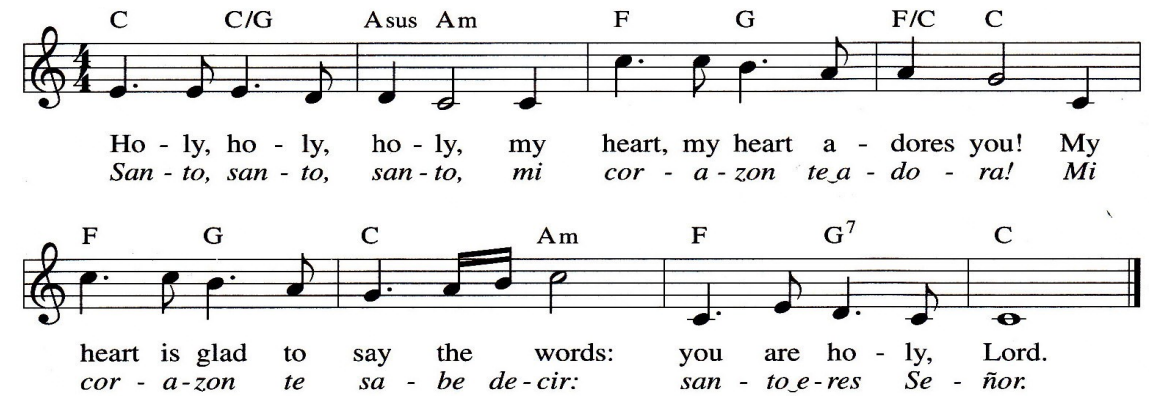
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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



C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C

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

F G C Am F G<sup>7</sup> 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

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"