

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.

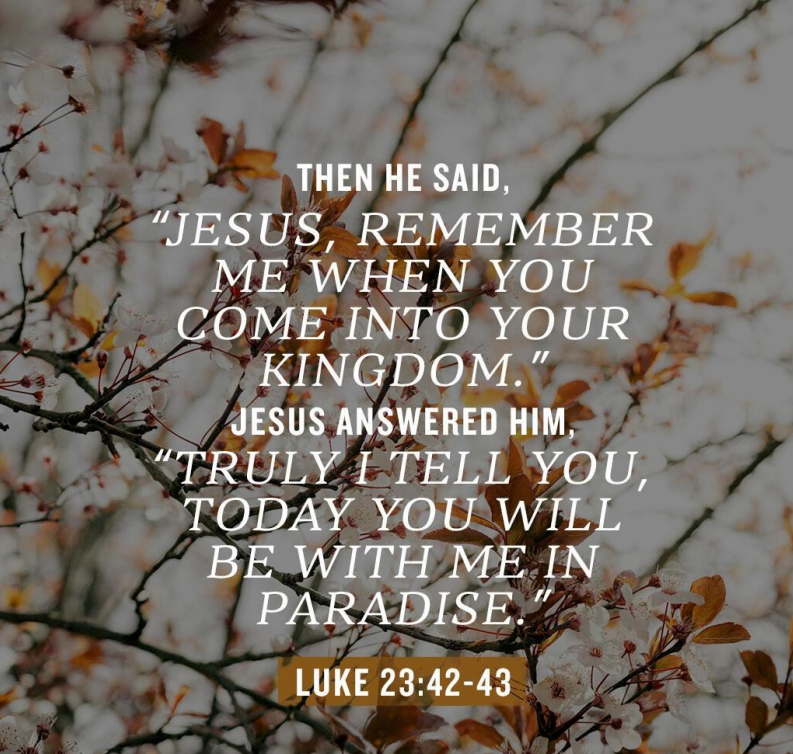
There are **restrooms** located in the basement of this building and on the ground floor of the hallway leading to our fellowship hall and on each floor of the educational building.

PARTICIPANTS		
<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.	Phil Wickstrom
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler, Rita Chase
<u>HEAD USHER</u>		Roy Wekwert
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dennis & Sherry McDonald
	9:00 am.	Kathy Burton, Richard Miller
		Barb Szczesniak, Paul Kieliszewski
<u>CHILDREN’S CHURCH LEADERS</u>		Jesse & Jessica O’Neil
		Sue Robb, Kathy Burton
<u>LITTLES’ WORSHIP CENTER LEADERS</u>		Ophelia Steinke, Ashley MacKay
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cantleberry and 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

Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Scholarship Ministry



November 22, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.
November 23, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.
November 23, 2025 - 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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. 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 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” (Red) #634

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: And also with you.

The November Service Activity is Thunder Bay Jr. High School. Items needed: Small Healthy Snacks—prepackaged snacks such as granola bars, fruit snacks, crackers, pretzels; Hygiene Products—small sham-poops, conditioners, small deodorants, toothpaste and toothbrushes; Clothing— t-shirts—unisex, black leg-gings/sweatpants, sweatshirts/warmer sweaters; School Supplies—plain two pocket folders, binders, and notebooks. Please leave items on the altar. Thank you. for your generosity.

Come join the celebration, servant volunteers needed to help decorate the building for the Advent and Christmas Season on Monday, December 1st beginning at 2:00 p.m. Call Donna Kensa if you can help at 989-464-5385. Thanks!

This year we will have Advent Services on Wednesdays at 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. on December 3rd, 10th, & 17th. We will have a meal at noon followed by a short service at 12:25 p.m. Come and share this time of prepara-tion for the Christ Child. We need volunteers to help prepare a simple meal.

Pastor John and Miss Nena have planned Advent Educational Opportunities, that will run December 3rd – 17th. Pastor John’s Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and Miss Nena’s class will also meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Pastor John will hold a Book Study on “A Long Obedience in the Same Direction” by Eugene Peterson and Miss Nena will lead a “Faithful Christmas Through Joseph’s Eyes” Study.

Grace Lutheran Church is having a Christmas Bake Sale on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. It will feature assorted cookies, bread, candy and other baked items.

Life Line Screening, the nation’s leading provider of preventive health screenings will offer non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Friday, December 15th. A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered for \$129.00. Please call 1-888-324-9458 to register or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA. Three discount tickets are available.

Stephen Ministry call to service: The Stephen Ministry team is looking for a few more servant leaders to be trained as Stephen Ministers to reach out a listening ear to those going through challenging times in their lives. Three individuals (two men) are approved to begin training on January 8th. Please keep this vital min-istry in your prayers.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 23—30, 2025	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service/Children’s Church/C.I.A. - 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 4:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Senior Leaders – 5:30 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Scouting America – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles – 7:30 a.m.; Choir – 4:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Happy Thanksgiving; Thanksgiving Meal at Pastor’s house – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Church Office Closed; Holiday Parade (<i>downtown</i>) – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC–9:00 a.m.; Fellowship–10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service/Children’s Church/C.I.A. - 10:30 a.m.

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

<u>WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:</u>	Paul Kroll – health issues	Cheryl Daher – illness
Bob Arthur – health issues	Greg Dziesinski- health issues	Lisz Dziesinski-health issues
Lianna Kruttlin – health issues	Malary Smith – unspecified	Herb Schiller – health issues
Mark Byce – health issues	Tina Yeager – health issues	Mollie Skiba – fell/recovery
Belinda Page – rec./broken ankle	Cody Franklin – leukemia	Abby Franklin - recovery
Laura – health issues	Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	Shelly Hoffmeyer-recovery
Karen Wallace–unspecified need	Margaret Lucian – health issues	Lee Werth—health issues
Julie Troy – health issues	Ann Martin – medical issues	Dena Stevens – health issues
Ric Schmidt – recovery from surgery	John Wegmeyer– health issues	Chad Hamill– health issues
Adam Schmidt- health issues	Marlis Roznowski–health issues	

(Prayer is the best medicine and we are prepared to pray indefinitely for folks. Would you help the church office keep our list current? Unless we know otherwise, our normal practice is to remove names after a month. Thank you.)

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Victory Lutheran Church, Ludington, Rev. Ron Iris.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Alpena Dance Club.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday 11/15 5:30 p.m.	49	Income 47,394.50	287,906.01
Sunday 11/16 9:00 a.m.	63	<u>Expenses 36,066.24</u>	<u>294,668.04</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>48</u>	Difference 11,328.26	(6,762.03)
Total	160		

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

The remaining items from the Christmas Bazaar are in the dining room until the end of this month. Please check out the items that would make great Christmas gifts and check out all the jams still looking for a good home. If you brought items for the bazaar, you may pick them up after November 30th or they will be stored until next year.

The Forget-Me-Nots are again sponsoring pie donations to the Friendship Room for their Thanksgiving Dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Anyone wishing to donate a pie, please have it delivered to St. Paul Lutheran kitchen by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26th for delivery to the Friendship Room. Thank you.

Pastor John and Miss Nena are inviting you to a Thanksgiving meal on the 27th of November. Please don’t spend the holiday alone. Join us in this meal of thanksgiving. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy some turkey, pie and the rest of this splendid meal. If you would like to bring a family favorite dish to pass, please contact the church office.

Next weekend we will collect the noisy offering for the Boys and Girls Club, so bring your change!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

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

PSALM: Psalm 46 (Read Responsively)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present[a] help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

‘Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.’

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

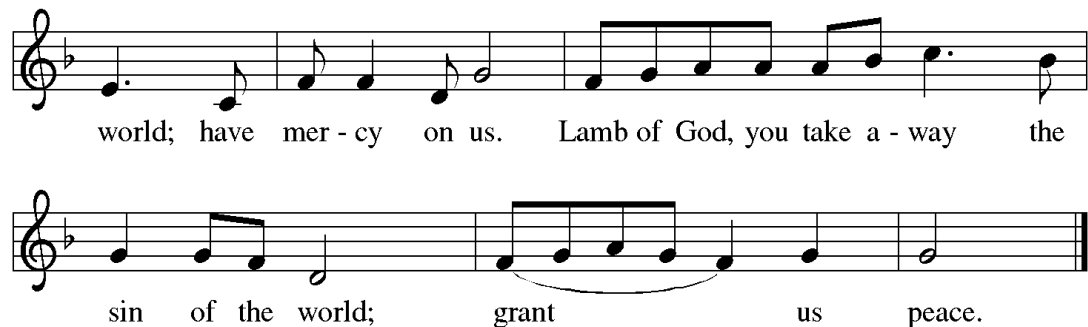
BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (Red) #855

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

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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”



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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?’ ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ ⁴² Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ⁴³ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine let it shine let it shine

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(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Come to that Sacred Place”

Rev. John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Shall Reign”

(Red) #434

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 Hear us, O God.
 Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
 The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

(Please stand)
(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

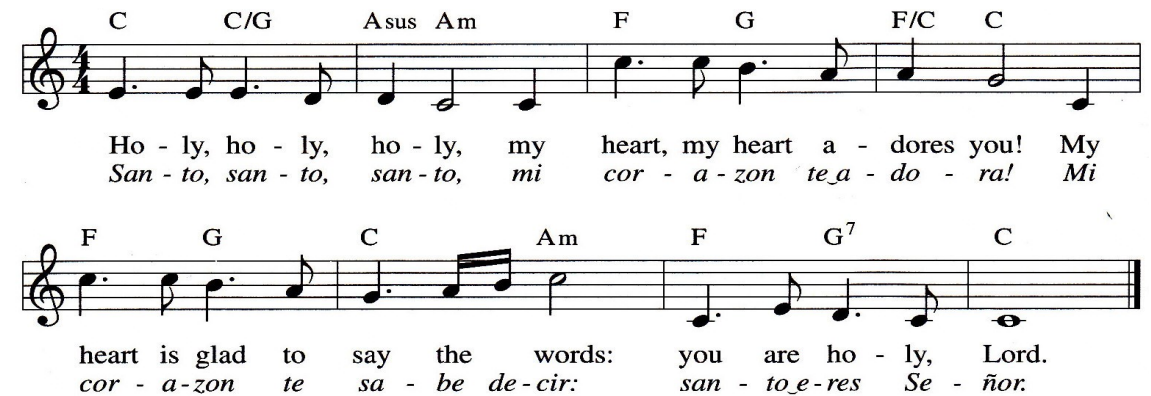
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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 - 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

LORD'S PRAYER

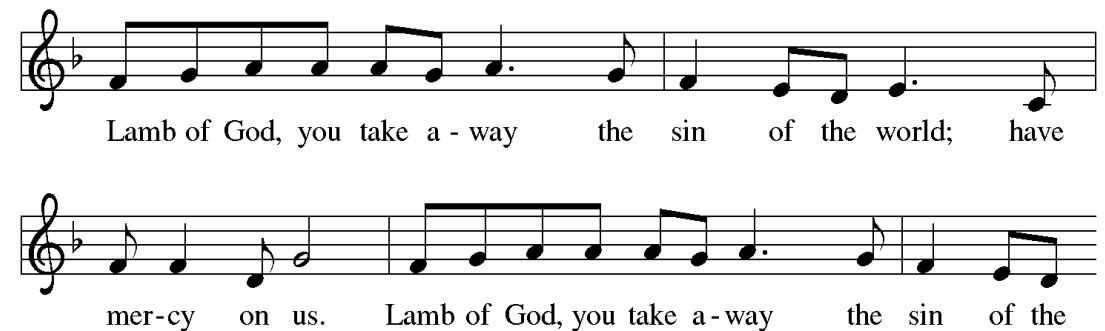
Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

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