

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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We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship Service

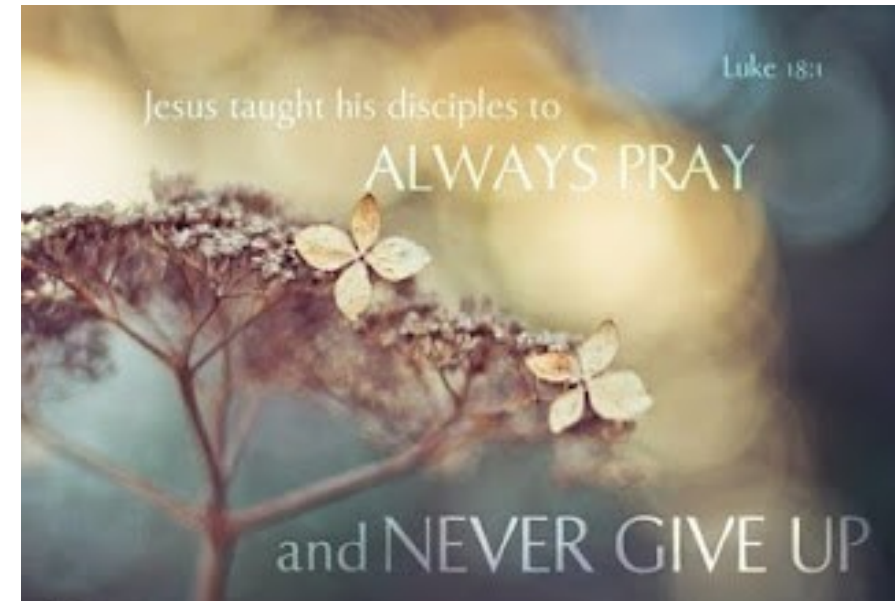
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



October 16, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

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 is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “All Are Welcome” (Red) #641, vs. 1,3,5

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 campground water was winterized this week. So, please do not use the bathhouse when having day use at the property. Thank you.

Join us for our Autumn Educational Opportunities, which run through October 28. Pastor John is holding a Bible Study on Matthew and Miss Nena is leading a Book Study on “Fearless, Ordinary Women of the Bible who dared to do Extraordinary Things,” by Angela Donadio. Pastor John’s classes meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 & 5:30 PM. and Miss Nena’s class also meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

Our October Service Activity is Ella White Elementary School. Items needed: pants – kid sizes 6 through 14, plain t-shirts – sizes 5-8, gloves, socks, and snacks. Please leave your items on the altar.

Grace Lutheran Church is hosting a Game Night on Thursday, October 20th! It will feature a baked potato, and ice cream bar. Bring your own games. See the bulletin board flyer in the Narthex for complete details.

Boy Scout Troop 92 invited you to join us for a **Soup & Pie Dinner on Friday, October 28th** from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Prices are \$10 for Adult, \$6 for children (10 and under), \$28 for a family of four and children under 4 are free. You can buy tickets from any of the Boy Scouts or pick them up in the church office on Thursday mornings from Joanne, if possible. Come and enjoy a wonderful evening!

The Forget-Me-Nots will meet for lunch on Tuesday, November 1, at 12:00 at the 19th Hole. Let Ann know if you plan to attend by October 28, so a group reservation can be made. The Civic Theatre is presenting a matinee performance of “Arsenic and Old Lace” on Sunday, October 30 at 2:00. If you are interested in attending, also call Ann at 989-590-2055. Tickets that have been paid for, will be picked up on October 27.

Mark your calendars for our next Men’s Retreat on November 4th – our theme is “Spiritual Leadership.” The event will take place at 1921 Long Rapids Road and there is no cost. We will explore God’s promises for community and fellowship for men. Ages 18 – 100 are invited.

A Taste From Home will be sending packages in November to our members serving in the Military. If you would like to donate, or drop off non-perishable items, we will add them to the boxes. Also, soon we will have Christmas notecards for you to fill out. (*Thank you to Teresa Hart for the donation of 50 cards.*) You may drop your written note in the box located in the Narthex. Please do not seal the envelope!

WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 16 - 23, 2022	
SUN.	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Annual Meeting – 10:00 a.m.; The Adventure Club – 1:00–3:00 p.m.
MON.	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
TUES.	Senior Leaders – 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts - 5:30 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Gnomes - 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts - 6:30 p.m.
WED.	Women’s Breakfast – 7:30 a.m.; Matthew Bible Study – 1:00 & 5:30 p.m.; Fearless Book Study – 5:30; Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
THURS.	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s)–7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
FRI.	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
SAT.	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
SUN.	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Fellowship–10:00; 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: Peter Roznowski, Paula Baker, Lucille Hanna Withum, Philip Donakowski, June Sylvester, Aggie Woloszyk, Jerry Swanson, Annette Wade, Zay, Lisa Hilberg, Sandra Christopherson, Larkin Kerby, William Taylor, John Wegmeyer, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Dorothy LaFleche, Sally Barney, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Lori Ludwig, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Bodo Hanson, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Audrey Reck, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, 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: Peace Lutheran Church, Sparta, Rev. Bryan Schneider-Thomas

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for our Assisting Ministers.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of the family of Robert (Bob) and Louise Cochrane, and Bobby and Darryl Cochrane from Marilyn C. Sharp.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF AUGUST</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (10/08) 5:30 p.m.	51	Income 26,170.10	206,868.67
Sunday (10/09) 9:00 a.m.	58	Expenses <u>26,416.90</u>	<u>211,797.54</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>20</u>	Difference (-246.80)	(-4,928.87)
Total	129		

Our annual congregational meeting is today, Sunday, October 16th, after the 9:00 a.m. service.

The Adventure Club will meet on Sunday October 16th from 1 - 3 PM at 5868 Dietz Road, Alpena. We will have pumpkin carving, cider & cookies, games, and get your picture with a long horn cow. Bring your spirit of adventure and hope as you explore and share your faith through fun, adventure, and food within this intergenerational educational experience.

We will be participating in the community Trunk or Treat event again this year. We are accepting donations of candy. You may drop them off at the church. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call the church office at 989-356-1658. Thank you!

The St. Paul Christmas Bazaar is November 5th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. Tickets for the luncheon are now available for sale either at the church office or bazaar member. The proceeds from the Bazaar will go to new flooring for the Sanctuary. We will tithe 10% of the day's profits to Sheriff Lynch Memorial Headstone Fund and Thunder Bay Jr High Outreach Program. If you have any questions, please call Lori at 356-4753, or Esther at 471-2274.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121 (Read Responsively)

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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.

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: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

(Red) #860

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

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 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Finding Faith”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

(Red) #669

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.**

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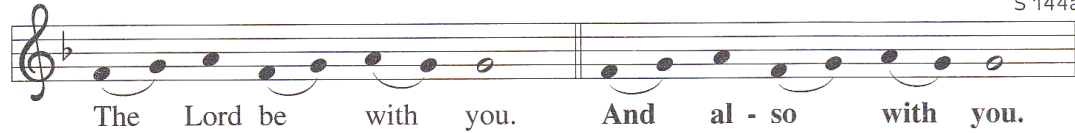
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**


(Please stand)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

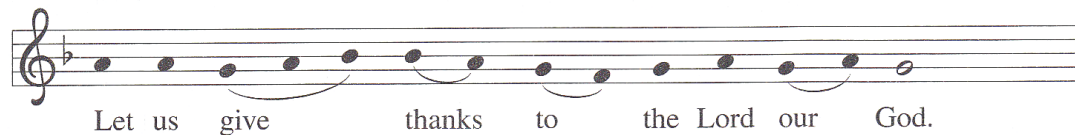
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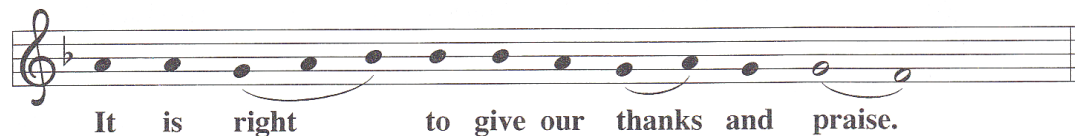
The Lord be with you. And also with you.



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.

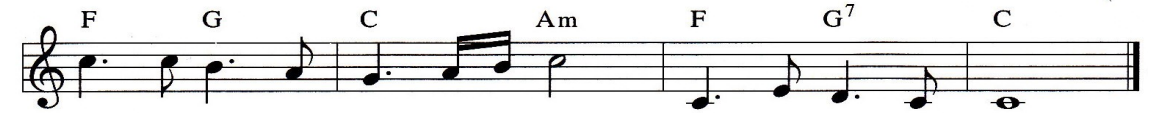
Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise . . . *(concluding)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 G⁷ 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.**

(Please be seated)

HOLY COMMUNION

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"Lamb of God"