

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. 9:00 a.m. Alayna Krey
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Elaine Kingsbury Kathy Burton
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Barb Crittenden and Geri Hanson Joanne Huggler and Pat Brodziak
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m. 9:00 am. Cindy Tchorzynski Steve and Andrea Dutcher Barb Szczesniak, Ryan Pankin
<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

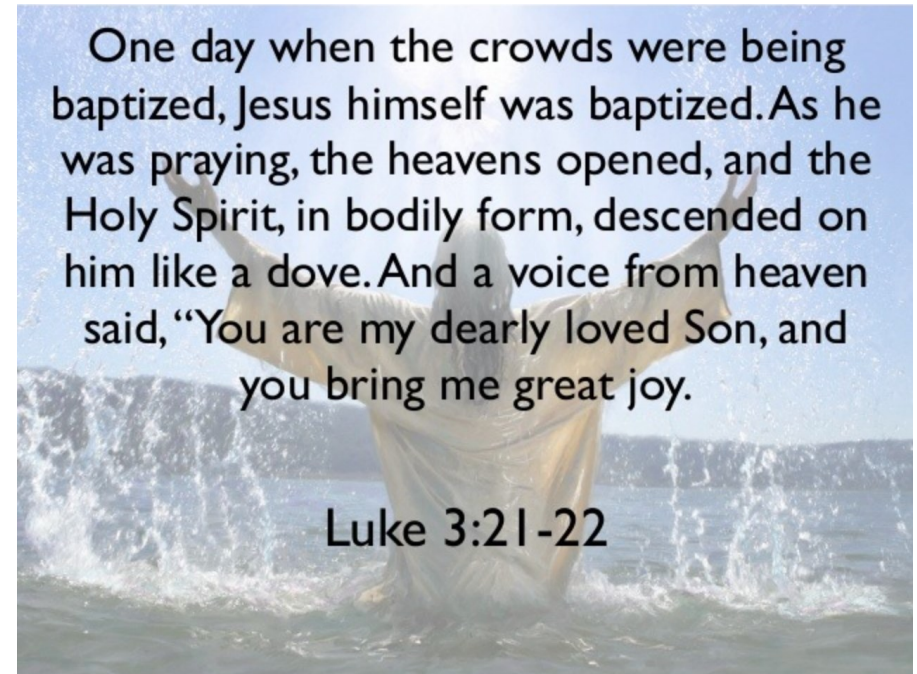
celebrates and shares God’s love and compassion

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



January 8, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

January 9, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

We are meeting to un-decorate the church on Wednesday, January 12th at 11:00 a.m. Please come join us. Many hands make light work.

The Adventure Club welcomes all on Sunday, January 16th, for Bowling and Pizza from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Thunder Bowl Lanes. There is no cost to any participants. All are welcome! If you are coming please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex, email Karen (at karenwekwert@gmail.com), or call the church office (356-1658) by Wednesday, January 12th.

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.

The Soul Sisters will be painting a picture (at right) 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 Mommieof4girlies@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 Wekwert at 989-464-0204.



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.

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!

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 9–16, 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.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches – 9:30 a.m.; Stewardship - 5:00 p.m.; Scholarship Committee– 6:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Kitchen Krew 10:00 a.m.; Un-decorate Church—11:00 a.m.; Stephen Ministry – 4:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men's Fellowship (JJ's) – 7:00 a.m.; Outreach – 5:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; Bible Study with Miss Nena 6:30
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.; Newsletter Deadline
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St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrates and shares God's love and compassion.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: 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 Busuttil, 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: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lansing, Rev. Matthew Smith and Rev. John Burow.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			END OF NOV.		YEAR TO DATE
Saturday (01/01)	5:30 p.m.	68	Income	25,452.48	278,068.17
Sunday (01/02)	9:00 a.m.	40	Expenses	<u>25,890.25</u>	<u>275,754.92</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>11</u>	Difference	(437.77)	2,313.22
	Total	119			

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

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Jane Zielaskowski who joined our Lord in eternity December 27, 2021.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Betty Kirschner who joined our Lord in eternity December 27, 2021.

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

Join us for a culinary experience at the Epiphany Candlelight Dessert Event on Saturday, January 8 at 6:30 pm. Come sample amazing delights and outstanding fellowship.

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! Come on Friday, January 21st @ 4 pm and/or Monday, January 24th @ 11am.

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 (regular and fine tip), highlighters, and ear buds. Please place your items on the altar.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

January 9, 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 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

(Red) #800

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.

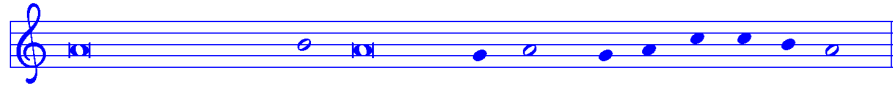
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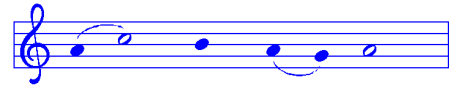
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



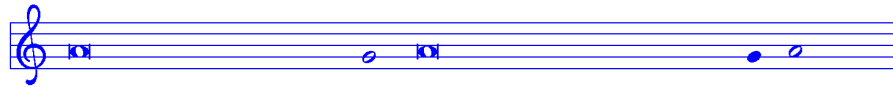
Lord, have mer - cy.



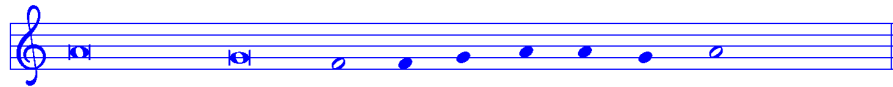
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



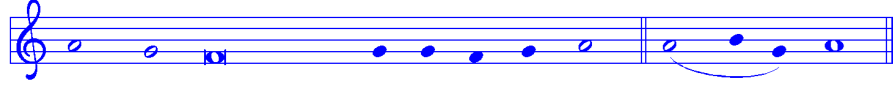
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

“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 - jice 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.

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

“Spirit of Gentleness”

(Red) #396

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.



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. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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: Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29 (Read Responsively)

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glories thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

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.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

▷ 144a

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:

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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 -
Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

"Beloved"

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

(Red) #305

Installation of Council Members

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)

(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING