

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.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m.	Ann Hardesty
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m.	Justin MacKay, Ashley Reed
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Cindy Tchorzynski
	9:00 a.m.	Owen Werth, Richard Miller Nancy Smithem
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan McDonald
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Marty Cantleberry, Pat Cornelius, 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



May 21, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
May 22, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

May 22, 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Silence is kept for reflection.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

A Taste from Home is in need of contact information for the following military members for our next package mailing. Please contact the church office or Nancy Smith at 989-255-0976 (nrsmith6@gmail.com) with contact information for: Jacqueline Crimmins, Mandy Killingbeck and Charles Tudor.

Looking to play a part in the ministry at St Paul? We're looking for you! The Fellowship team could use "a few good folks" to help setup for Saturday evening or Sunday morning Fellowship time. For more information call Joy Brooks at 920-566-0653.

St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Garage Sale on June 9 & 10. Please set aside your items for this upcoming sale. You may drop your things at the church in the designated area in the furnace room, off the dining room. Please box your items, so they can be stacked. We need help with the garage sale and people to pick items up. To volunteer, contact Andrea 354-3651.

The May Service Activity is Sanborn Elementary School Clothing closet. Items needed: Boys: athletic pants 4-6, underwear size 6, long sleeved shirts 8-10-12-14, winter coats 14-16-18, cloth mittens (all sizes girls and boys); Girls: hairbrushes, child size toothbrushes, t-shirts 4-6, long sleeve shirts 4-6, short sleeved dresses 4-6, winter coats 14-16-18. Please place your items on the altar.

We are looking for a team to help with the 4th of July Parade this year. Last year's float was special as we celebrated 150 years of ministry. This year can be just as special. Please contact the church office if you would like to be part of this ministry vision/outreach.

The Forget-Me-Knots will next meet on Tuesday, June 7. Linda Collins has checked with the Alpena County Library and we are welcome to come for a tour and visit the room housing one of the largest Genealogical Collections in Northeast Michigan. If you are interested in doing this, we would meet at the library from 11:00 – 12:00. We will do a phone survey to see if you would like to do this. Following the library visit, we will meet in the church parking lot at 12:15. Weather permitting, we will carpool to the church picnic grounds for a picnic lunch. Please bring a sack lunch and a beverage. If you are willing to give someone a ride, please let me know. Please check the bulletin for more information as the date approaches. Call Ann Hardesty with any questions (989-471-5304).

WEEK AT A GLANCE: MAY 22—29, 2022

<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday 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 – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Dinner on a Doorknob – 9:00 a.m.; Stephen Ministry Supervision – 2:00 p.m.; Eucharistic Minister Training – 4:00 p.m.; Gnomes – 6:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Soul Sisters Kayak Night (at the Duck Park) – 6:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men's Fellowship (JJ's) –7:00 a.m.; Stitched Together – 11:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga - 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Tech Talk – 3:00 p.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: Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Keeley Knapp, Denise, Lori Ludwig, William Taylor, Marlene Bartz, Gordie Montroy, John Wegmeyer, Natalie, Diane, Alan Kelsey, Deanna Spencer, Lexi Liske, Geraldine Rhoads, Gary Rich, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Don Kirschner, Bodo Hanson, Roy Sommerfeld, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Tim Grossman, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, 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: Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Rev. Ellen Schoepf

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Harvest Dinner.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Jay Bischer, who joined our Lord in eternity May 13, 2022. His funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 17, at Chagnon Funeral Home.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF APRIL</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (05/14) 5:30 p.m.	58	Income 29,678.30	106,942.88
Sunday (05/15) 9:00 a.m.	68	Expenses <u>25,277.11</u>	<u>107,252.88</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>24</u>	Difference 4,401.19	(-310.00)
Total	150		

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in honor of Kenneth and June Sylvester on the 70th Wedding Anniversary. Celebrating 70 years of giving Happiness, Love and Loyalty to each other. We pray to God for light of love to never stop glowing! Wishing you many more years of love and good health together from your Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Join us for our Summer Educational Opportunities, which run June 1st through July 14th. Pastor John will hold a Book Study on Christian Basics by Dorothy & Gabriel Fackre and Miss Nena will lead a Bible Study on “Gideon Your Weakness, God’s Strength,” by Priscilla Shirer. Each class length is 1 hour. Pastor John’s class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 and 5:30 PM and Miss Nena’s class will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM

We will celebrate Tee Shirt Weekend on June 4th & 5th. Please don your favorite St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Tee Shirt and wear it proudly to worship.

The Soul Sisters first kayaking night will be May 25 at 6:30 pm meeting at Duck Park. We will meet every other Wednesday thru September, if weather permits. Come join us and bring a friend!

Please Note: The Church Office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 30th.

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 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Red) #631

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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: Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

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

PSALM: Psalm 67 (Read Responsively)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—
so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22:1-5

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

(Red) #836

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

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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.
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.

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

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Troubled Hearts”

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Peace like a River”

(Red) #785

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

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, in your mercy,
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. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please stand)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

S 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:

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

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"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