

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.

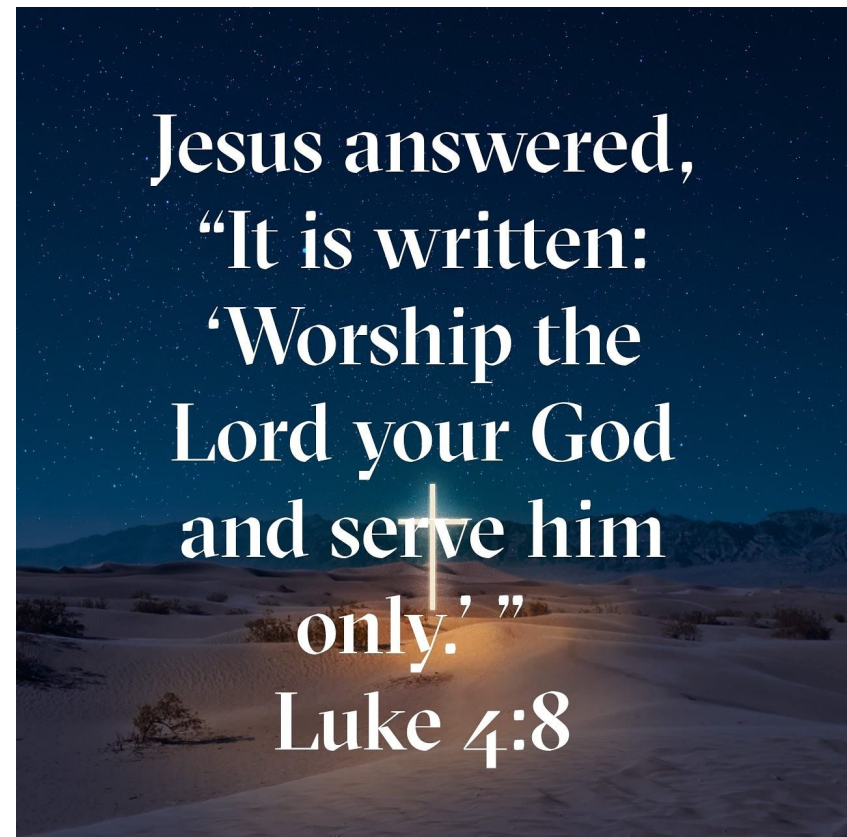
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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. Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m. Myra Gapske 9:00 a.m. Danielle McDonald
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Sue Robb, Jodie Lahti 9:00 a.m. Janice Boboltz
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Dennis & Sherry McDonald 9:00 am. Richard Miller, Barb Szczesniak Cathy Kieliszewski, Jeff Ciupka
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m. Cayden Smith
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Marty Cantleberry and Laurie Stafford

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



March 5, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
March 6, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The First Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
March 6, 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

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. 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

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

(Red) #768

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.

Adam, our Media Coordinator, will be hosting two “Tech Talks” in March. They will be held on Friday, March 11th and 25th at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions email Adam at media@stpaul.org.

The Adventure Club is traveling to the Besser Museum on the 20th of March from 3:00-5:00 PM. We will tour both the Museum and the Planetarium. Bring your spirit of adventure and hope as you explore and share your faith through fun, adventure, and food within this intergenerational educational experience. A free will donation will be taken to cover the cost. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1-105 years old. **The Forget-Me-Nots** have been invited to join the Adventure Club to tour the Besser Museum and visit the planetarium. If you plan to attend, please let Karen Wekwert know (989) 356-0040.

There will be a Kitchen Krew Leaders meeting on Wednesday, March 16, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The Ray of Sonshine Ministry is looking for Servant Leaders to help their ministry of outreach. Please contact the office if you would like to become part of this ministry. They next meet on March 15 at 5:30 p.m.

The Youth continue to meet on the 4th Sunday each month. **On March 27th we will have a Spring Break Kick Off!** We will meet at the church from 3:00–6:00 p.m. and will enjoy food, drinks, music and dancing, watching the “Men in Black” movie and playing yard and table games. Please join us!

The Soul Sisters (Women 50-70) **will meet on Tuesday, March 29th**, in the Multi Purpose Room for a Pizza Dinner and to hear a Special Speaker, Doris Puls. Doris is a professional organizer. Join us for a fun evening!

The Alpena Cancer Center recently reached out to our church to see if we would be willing to donate snacks for patients who come there for treatment. The Outreach Committee has given its approval. Suggested snacks include prepackaged cookies, individually packed nuts, crackers with peanut butter or cheese, candy bars, hard candy (especially Jolly Ranchers), oatmeal packets, individually wrapped fruit packages and single serve pudding snacks. If you would like to participate, please drop off your items at Miss Nena’s office.

A chair yoga class begins at 3:00 on Thursday afternoons (except March 24) in the multi-purpose room. Bev Suszek will be the teacher. A free will donation is appreciated. Members of the Forget-Me-Nots are interested in participating and we invite others to join us. Call Ann at (989) 471-5304 with any questions.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: MARCH 6–13, 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>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches– 9:30 a.m.; Stewardship Committee – 5:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Wednesday Lunch and Worship Service – 12:00 p.m.; Job Bible Study (Pastor John) – 1:00 p.m.; Stephen Ministry Training – 4:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) – 7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga - 3:00 p.m.; Outreach – 5:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; Men’s Get-Together – 6:00 p.m.; Book Study (Nena) – 6:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Tech Talks – 3:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.; Set Clocks Ahead
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; Jr./Sr. High Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Geraldine Rhoads, Gary Rich, Alvin Sharp, Josh Paulson, David Sigmon, Stanley Wikaryasz, Cindi Parfitt, Laurie Stafford, Phyllis Robb, Karen Wekwert, Eugene Brooks, Don Kirschner, Kenneth and June Sylvester, Bodo Hanson, Roy Sommerfeld, Melissa Smith, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Tim Grossman, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. **ARMED SERVICES:** Michael Emington, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Lauren Hoeksema, Alexander Gould, Andrew Hein, Mandy Killingbeck, Jacqueline Crimmins, Ashley (Dingman) Grant, Charles Tudor, Abigail Miller, Justin A. Smith, and Maragely Hein.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Hope Lutheran Church, Marlette.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for our Men's Breakfast Group.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			END OF JANUARY		YEAR TO DATE
Saturday (02/26)	5:30 p.m.	53	Income	20,494.21	20,494.21
Sunday (02/27)	9:00 a.m.	47	Expenses	<u>19,475.25</u>	<u>19,475.25</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>18</u>	Difference	1,018.96	1,018.96
	Total	118			

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

The March Service Activity is Pied Piper School Clothing Closet. Items needed: bubbles, bubble machine, sidewalk chalk, sand toys, watercolor paints, Bingo daubers, sensory fidget toys, outside playground balls (basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, large rubber balls). Please place your items on the altar.

St. Paul's Eucharistic Ministry: We have trained Eucharistic Ministers who will take communion kits to shut-ins on a regular basis. Questions? Contact Bernie at 595-6835.

Lent Services began on Ash Wednesday. Wednesday Lenten Services will continue each week, preceded by a Soup lunch at 12:00 p.m. Please grab the beige Trifold in the Narthex, which has the entire schedule for Lent and Easter. If you would like to volunteer to bring soup and bread for one of the lent lunches call the church office at 356-1658.

Join us for our Lenten Educational Opportunities, which run March 2 – April 16. Pastor John will hold a Book Study on Job and Miss Nena will lead a Book Study on "Me, Myself, and Lies... a Thought Closet Makeover," by Jennifer Rothschild. Each class length will be 1 hour. Pastor John's Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and Miss Nena's class will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

There will be a Men's Get-Together on Thursday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the church dining room. Nowicki's Brats and Burgers will be served. Come and enjoy!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Read Responsively)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

“Return to the Lord”



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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.



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: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

(Red) #504

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **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 4:1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“It Is Written”

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

(Red) #325

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 Merciful God,
receive 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. Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

(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"