

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>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>	Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m. Carol Kindt 9:00 a.m. Shirley Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m. Gail Atkins 9:00 a.m. Kathy Burton
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Janice Boboltz 9:00 a.m. Joanne Huggler
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Patti Byce 9:00 a.m. Dennis and Lori Dziesinski Jesse & Jessica O'Neil, Mary Senchuk
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m. Emily Smith
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

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 29, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

October 30, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Reformation Sunday

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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 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 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Red) #504

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.

REMINDER: Daylight Saving Time ends on November 6th, so remember to set your clocks an hour back when going to bed on Saturday, November 5th.

The Blessing of Hunters service will be on the weekend of 5th and 6th of November at all of the worship services at St. Paul Lutheran Church. All hunters are asked to wear blaze orange and to leave their weapons at home. The service of blessing is a reminder of God’s hope found in the hunt. The hope of camaraderie, sportsmanship, the blessing of food and servant leadership and that the world is filled with dangers. Come and know God’s blessing during this special time in God’s creation.

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. Do not seal the envelope!

The Adventure Club will meet on Sunday November 13th from 1:00 -3:00 PM at the Northern Lights Arena. Bring your spirit of adventure and hope as you explore and share your faith through fun, exploration, and food within this intergenerational educational experience. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1-105 years old.

We are continuing to collect individually wrapped snacks for the Cancer Center. If you have some to donate, please drop them off at Miss Nena’s office.

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran wants to be part of this Bolenz Holiday Parade this year, which will be held on Friday, November 25. This annual parade is sponsored by Bolenz Jewelry and hosted by the Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce. It is held the day after Thanksgiving. Please call the church to help.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the donation of homemade or store-bought pies for the Thanks-giving Dinner at the Friendship Room. They are in need of 12 pies, but if more are donated they will be welcomed for use with future meals. Pies should be dropped off in the kitchen at St. Paul by noon on Wednesday, November 23rd.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 30—NOVEMBER 6, 2022

<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church –10:30
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; Bazaar Set-Up
<u>TUES.</u>	Bazaar Set-Up; Forget Me Nots - 12:00 p.m.; Education – 5:30 p.m.; Cub Scouts - 5:30 p.m.; Gnomes - 6:00 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts - 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Bazaar Set-Up; Women’s Breakfast – 7:30 a.m.; Fearless Book Study – 5:30 p.m.; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m.; Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Bazaar Set-Up; Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s)–7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Singles – 6:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Bazaar Set-Up; Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Men’s Retreat – 6:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Christmas Bazaar – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church–10:30

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. *We also remember our homebound members.* They are: Geraldine Wyman, Harriet Burke, Virginia Kraft, Deb Lange, Phyllis Robb, and Delores Stevens. *(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: Spruce Lutheran Church, Spruce, Rev. Leslie Nye.

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in honor of Pastor John and Miss Nena (Pastor Appreciation Month) with love from the Congregation. They are such a blessing!

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF AUGUST</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (10/22)	5:30 p.m.	49	Income	26,170.10	206,868.67
Sunday (10/23)	9:00 a.m.	48	Expenses	<u>26,416.90</u>	<u>211,797.54</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>23</u>	Difference	(-246.80)	(-4,928.87)
		120			

Join us for a November Video Educational Experience. We will be watching “Heaven Is for Real” on November 9th at 6:00 p.m. A meal is provided and discussion. All are invited. Please call the church office and let them know if you are coming, which will help with the planning.

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. You may bring your items to the multi-purpose room on Friday, November 4th, from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Luncheon tickets are on sale in the Narthex before and after services this weekend. If you have any questions, please call Lori at 356-4753, or Esther at 471-2274.

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 associated with this event. We will explore God’s promises for community and fellowship for men. Ages 18 – 100 are invited to discover God’s faithfulness in your faith journey. Please call the church office to sign up.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM: Psalm 46 (Read Responsively)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present 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: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

SENDING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

(Red) #654

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

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”

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.

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

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

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Freedom in Truth”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

(Red) #517

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 IS BEING RECEIVED IN THE BACK & THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING

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)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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

C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - does 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"

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.