

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.	Alayna Krey
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce, Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Laurie Stafford
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Bruce Anschuetz
	9:00 am.	Paul Kieliszewski, Cathy Kieliszewski Kathy Burton, Ryan Panknin
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Harley Steinke
	9:00 a.m.	Evan Peterson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cantleberry and Carol Kindt

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

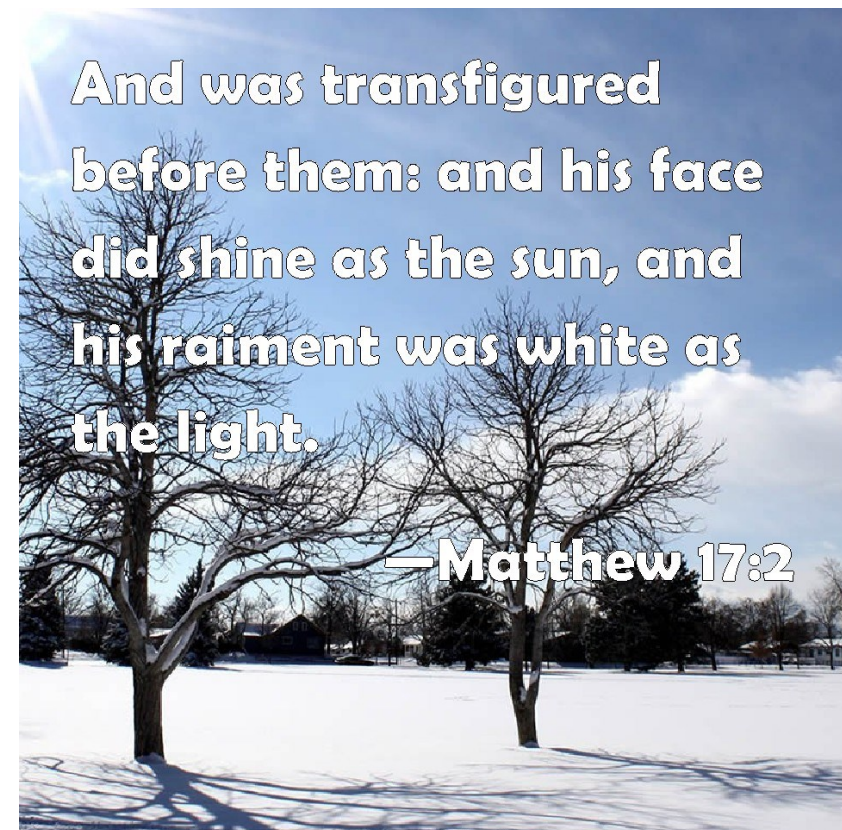
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



February 18, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

February 19, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

The **PASTA NIGHT is Saturday, February 18**, following the Saturday 5:30 service. Come and enjoy good food, fellowship, and fun. A Chinese auction and 50/50 raffle will be part of the evening. A portion of the proceeds will go to the *Second Chance Animal Shelter* and *Taste from Home Ministry*.

The **Adventure Club will be going to the A-Plex for a special time Ice Skating** on the February 19th from 1:00-3:00 PM. Bring your spirit of adventure and hope as you explore and share your faith through fun, adventure, and food within this intergenerational educational experience. There is a cost of \$2.00 for skate rental if needed. *The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1-105 years old.*

The **Church will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Supper on Tuesday February 21st** from 4:00-6:30 PM. It will have sausage as well. Everyone is invited and there will be a free will offering. Our Education and Youth Group are sponsoring the event.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. There will be two opportunities for you to worship that day:

* 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with a Lenten Soup preceding the service at 12:00 p.m.

* 6:00 p.m. at the Ecumenical Service at St. Paul Lutheran Church. There will be a soup supper beginning at 5:00 p.m., preceding the worship service. The imposition of ashes and Holy Communion will be part of both services.

The **Forget-Me-Nots will next meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 1:00 in the multi-purpose room.** We will gather to visit and play a favorite game. You may bring a snack to share. I will have pop, coffee and water available. Please bring a friend. We hope to see you there! *Ann Hardesty (989-590-2055)*

WEEK AT A GLANCE: FEBRUARY 19 - 26, 2023

<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; The Adventure Club (Ice Skating at the A-Plex)—1:00—3:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Tech Talks – 11:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal – 4:00 p.m.; Senior Leaders – 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Air Rifle – 5:30 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Women’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:30 a.m.; AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Yoga 101 – 11:00 a.m.; Ash Wednesday Lunch and Worship – 12:00 p.m.; Pastor John’s Book Study – 1:00 p.m.; Choir – 4:00 p.m.; Ecumenical Service (at St. Paul) – 6:00 p.m. (<i>preceded by a soup supper at 5:00</i>)
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:00 a.m.; Stitched Together – 11:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Air Rifle Team – 5:30 p.m.; Recovery Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Pastor John’s Book Study – 5:30 p.m.; Nena’s Bible Study – 5:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 6:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church and C.I.A. (Youth)– 10:30 a.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Judy Hand, Nancy Bredeweg, Peter Goodreau, the family of Jeannie Lovelady, Ron Compeau, Lori Ludwig, Mary Kuhl, Adam Schmidt, Mya Hall, Myra Gapske, Brandon Urban, Judy Burley, Keeley Knapp, Don Urban Sr., Billiejo Foster, Philip Donakowski, Jerry Swanson, Annette Wade, Zay, Larkin Kerby, John Wegmeyer, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Sally Barney, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Bodo Hanson, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, 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: St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Alpena, Rev. John Shipman.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Forget-Me-Nots Women's Group.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Peter Roznowski, who joined our Lord in eternity on February 6, 2023.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Katie Benson, who joined our Lord in eternity on February 11, 2023.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Franklin Diamond and Beatrice Diamond on their birthdays, February 16 and February 22, from Karen Wallace and Dolores Sumerix.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF DECEMBER</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (02/11)	5:30 p.m.	62	Income	50,960.47	326,564.05
Sunday (02/12)	9:00 a.m.	41	Expenses	<u>31,352.95</u>	<u>326,717.52</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>34</u>	Difference	19,607.52	(-153.47)
Total		137			

Pastor John and Miss Nena have planned *Lenten Educational Opportunities, that will run February 22nd – April 5th!* Pastor John's Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and Miss Nena's class will also meet on Thursdays at 5:30 PM. Pastor John will do a Book Study "On Death and Dying" by Kubler Ross, and Miss Nena will do a Bible Study - "Fierce" by Jennifer Cowart (DVD). Please call the office if you plan to attend so we know how to plan/books to order. Thank you.

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

Please note: During Lent, the Choir will change its meeting time to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 18, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
February 19, 2023 - 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 makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. 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.**

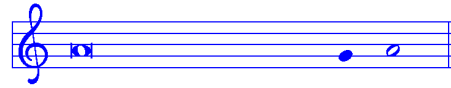
GATHERING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (Red) #631

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.

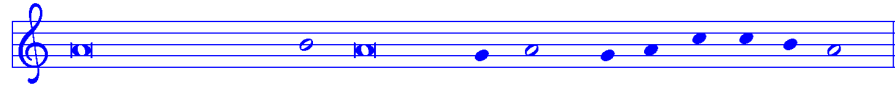
KYRIE



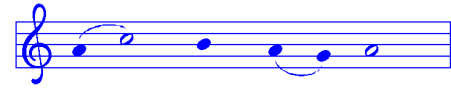
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



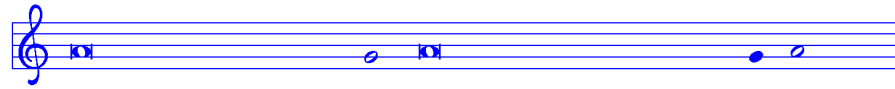
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

SERMON NOTES

█ 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: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "We Are Marching in the Light" (Red) #866

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

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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.

Final refrain

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. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

PSALM: Psalm 2 (Read Responsively)

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying,

“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us.”

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying,

6 “I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”

**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

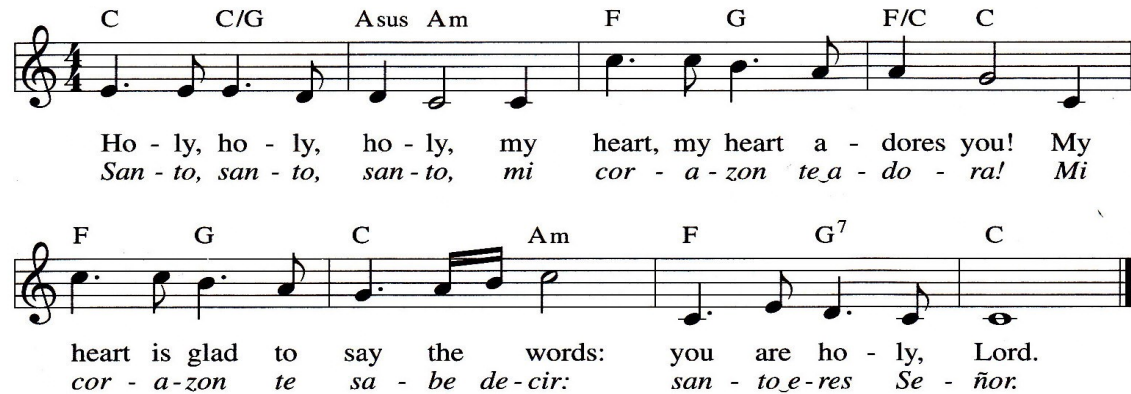
“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



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 - 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.

I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear; with trembling

kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

