

### 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.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Danielle McDonald
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Barb Crittenden, Geri Hanson
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler, Pat Brodziak
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 a.m.	Steve & Andrea Dutcher
		Owen Werth, Tim Moggie
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<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

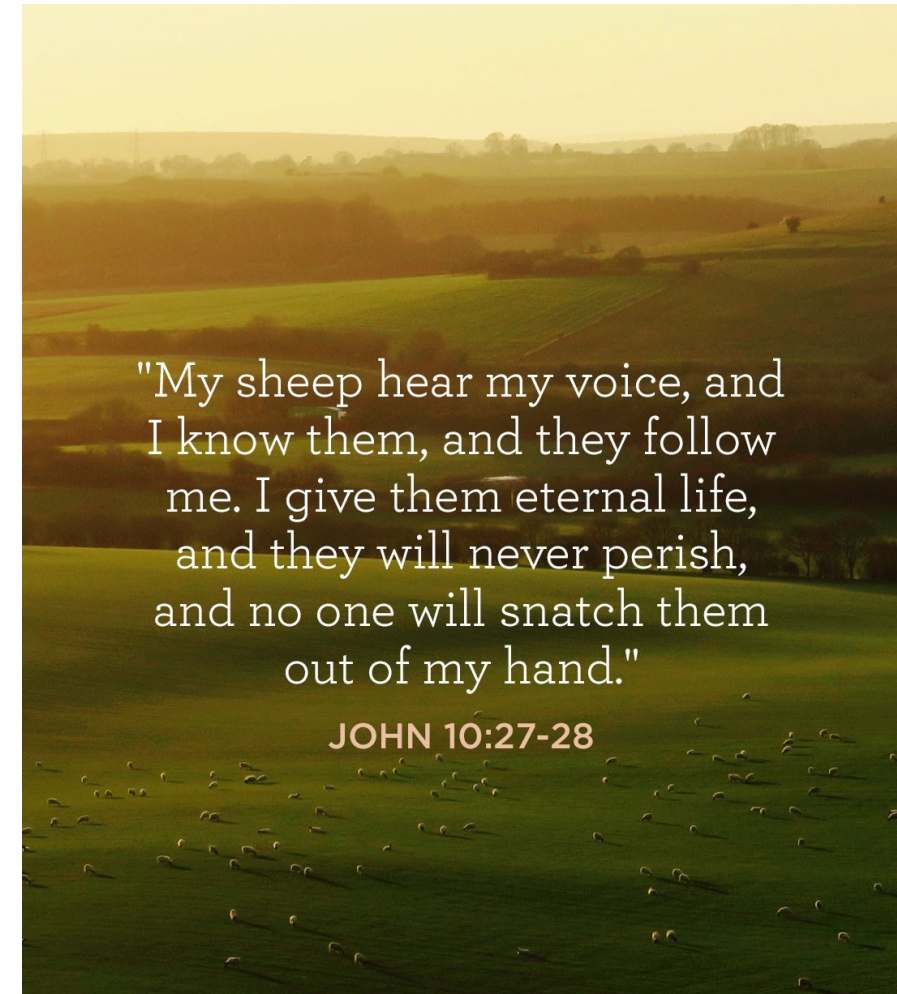
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*



**May 7, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**

**May 8, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 7, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**May 8, 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.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Garage Sale on June 9 & 10.** Please set aside your items for this upcoming sale. You may start dropping your things at the church on May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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. The Fellowship volunteers will be having a thank you pizza party & planning meeting Wed May 18th 5:30 in the dining room. See you there!!

**Come join us for weekend Fellowship.** On Saturday Night we meet before the service at 4:30 for coffee and baked goods until 5:20. Fellowship for the 9:00 service and the 10:30 service will occur in-between the service time. Everyone is invited to join us.

**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.

**If you shop Amazon and would like to support St. Paul Lutheran Church** please go to the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1518943>. Call the church office for more information, 356-1658.

**The Scholarship Committee is very grateful to those that have brought in their bottle returns,** we ask that you keep them coming! The bottle returns can be place in the janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre street side. There is a sign on the door for less confusion. Please contact Val Urban 356-4613 if you have questions.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: MAY 8—15, 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>	Gratitude Lunches – 9:30 a.m.; Stephen Ministry Supervision – 2:00 p.m.; Gnomes – 6:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Kitchen Krew – 2:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) –7:00 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.; Jr./Sr. High Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.; The Adventure Club Karaoke Party – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** 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: Bethany Lutheran Church, Northport, Rev. Chrysanne Timm. Also pray for the Synod Assembly, Bishop Criag Satterlee, Ms. Sandy Schlesinger, Synod Council Vice President

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Epiphany Dessert event.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF MARCH</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (04/23)	5:30 p.m.	57	Income	23,642.88	77,264.58
Sunday (04/24)	9:00 a.m.	48	Expenses	<u>27,609.02</u>	<u>81,975.77</u>
10:30 a.m.		<u>31</u>	Difference	(-3,966.14)	(-4,711.19)
Total		136			

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given by Doreen Kriniak in honor of all mothers.

**Our congregation’s snack donations for the Cancer Center were delivered.** The staff appreciated receiving these for cancer patients undergoing treatment. If you would like to make further donations of packaged nuts, crackers with peanut butter or cheese, rice crispy treats, candy bars, Jolly Rancher hard candies, oatmeal packets, pudding snacks, drop them off at Miss Nena’s office.

**Please join us for a May Video Educational Experience.** We will be watching “Thou Shall Laugh” on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. A meal is provided and discussion afterwards. Please call the church office if you plan to attend, which will help with the meal planning. All are invited.

**On May 15th the Adventure Club will have a Karaoke Party** from 3:00—5:00 p.m. Adam, our own media coordinator, will host this event. The line dancers will be there to perform and teach us a new dance as well. Everyone is invited to join us for singing, dancing, food, fellowship, and fun! This is a family event and open to everyone. There is no charge. Come and join the adventure!

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** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!” (Red) [#369](#)

**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. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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 9:36-43**

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 23 (Read Responsively)**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.**  
He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.  
**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”  
<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”  
<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”  
<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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.

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, 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                                      “Beautiful Savior”                                      (Red) #838

**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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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

 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.

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

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

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

## GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

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

*(Please be seated)*

## SERMON

“Unity”

*(Please stand)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

(Red) #502

## 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**

BLESSING OF MARRIAGES/RELATIONSHIPS

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.**

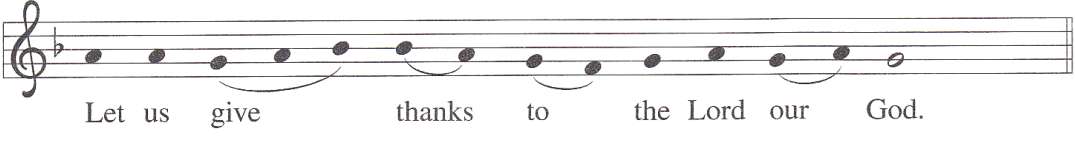
(Please stand)



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



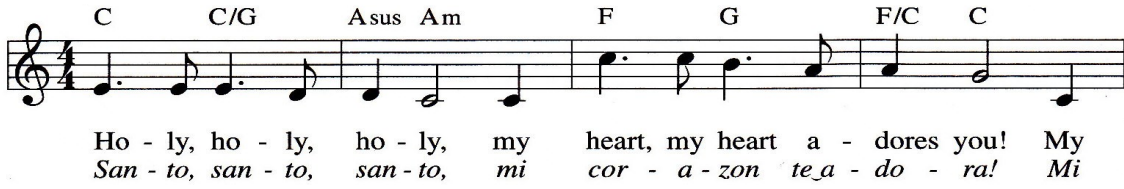
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.




It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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 un- ending hymn:



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.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord  
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

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"