

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.

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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 31, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Congregational responses are printed in bold

Prelude “Easter Celebration”

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP “Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!” Choir

(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.

If you are interested in purchasing a St Paul sweatshirt, contact Joanne 989-356-6532 or Sherry, 989-356-9600. The deadline to place your order is April 1st and payment is due by April 15th.

The Forget-Me-Nots will meet on Tuesday, April 2 at noon at the Jesse Besser Museum. Please bring a lunch to have before we tour the Museum. In order for the staff to set up enough tables, please call Ann at 989-590-2055 to let her know if you are planning to attend. Bring a friend with you to the gathering.

Mark your calendars! The Church Rummage Sale dates are set for June 13-15! Start thinking about what items you would like to donate. We will again be accepting clean used clothing and shoes for our sale. If you have any questions, please call Andrea at 989-354-3651.

Everyone is invited to our April Video Educational Experience on April 17th at 6:00 p.m. We will be watching “Do You Believe” and a meal will be provided with discussion throughout.

We are excited to announce that our church's Stephen Ministry is gearing up for training sessions tentatively starting in late April. These 2-1/2 hour classes offer a unique program that equips you with the skills and empathy needed to make a positive impact on the lives of others. There is still time to apply! If you feel drawn to this ministry or have questions, please contact a Stephen Leader Iris Arthur, Nena Shipman, or Shirley Jones.

Mark your calendars! We will also have a Spring Spruce Up Day on Saturday, April 20th, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The property leaders are making a list of items that can be spruced up on that day. This is a church wide event with a meal that is free of charge. No task is too small or great.

The Scholarship Committee will be awarding a scholarship to a 2024 graduating senior or current college student. Applications are available in the office and must be returned by April 30.

There will be a change in the Yoga classes schedule beginning Thursday, April 4th. There will be a Gentle Yoga class at 1:30 p.m. and the Chair Yoga class will continue at 3:00 p.m. Please, come join us.

All are invited to a Peace Gathering at Grace Lutheran on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. David Usher will provide music with intermittent readings and quiet reflection, with cookies and punch to follow.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: MARCH 31 – APRIL 7, 2024	
<u>SUN.</u>	Easter Sunday Worship/HC – 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Easter Breakfast following the 6:30 service
<u>MON.</u>	Church Office Closed; AARP Taxes – 8:00; Line Dancing – 2:00; E.T.A. – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00
<u>TUES.</u>	Forget-Me-Nots (Besser Museum) – 12:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30; Air Rifle – 5:30; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles Women’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:30; AARP Taxes – 8:00; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	3M Men’s Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.; Gentle Yoga – 1:30 p.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Air Rifle Team – 5:30
<u>FRI.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Alpena Line Dance Club – 5:00 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 – 10:30

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Bill Hoppe – health issues Tim Grossman – health issues
 Tammy Stoutenburg-unspecified need Annette Wade – medical issues Art Hoffmeyer- heart issues
 Bodo Hanson–health issues Laura Kieliszewski – health Joel Foster – health concerns
 Barb Hoffmeyer – health issues John Wegmeyer – health issues Eugene Brooks–health issues
 Laurie Stafford – health issues Dale Rex – in accident Gary Villeneuve– health issues
 Chad Hamill – health issues Marian Dove– unspecified need Phyllis Robb-unspecified need
 Karen Wallace – unspecified need Dolores Libka–unspecified need Taylor Smetak – in accident
 Cameron – health issues Ryan Duby – healing David Reeves – health issues
 Adam Schmidt – health issues Hazel Bonnard – health issues Doreen Britton – health issues
 Ken Hemming – health issues Anita Laub – medical issues Joanne Kindt – health issues
 Brandon Urban – health issues Marvis McNeil – health issues Chris Smetak – health issues
 Harriet Burke – unspecified need Dena Stevens – health issues Dixie Creiver – health issues

Tom & Beth Mackinnon-health
We also remember our homebound members. They are: Harriett Kelm, Dixie Weiler, Elaine Kingsbury, Geraldine Wyman, Harriet Burke, Virginia Kraft, Phyllis Robb, and Norm Dutcher.
(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: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mt. Pleasant, Rev. Dana Hendershot

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Stitched Together Ministry.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Gary DeRosia, who joined our Lord in eternity March 24, 2024. His funeral service was held March 28th at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given to the glory of God.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF FEBRUARY</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Wednesday (3/20)	12:25 p.m.	49	Income	24,098.22
	(our members) 7:00 p.m.	20	Expenses	31,096.24
Saturday (03/23)	5:30 p.m.	62	Difference	(6,998.02)
Sunday (03/24)	9:00 a.m.	70		
	10:30 a.m.	<u>45</u>		
Total		236		

We are setting dates for this year’s Soul Sisters Kayaking. Please contact Sue Robb (989-354-8673) with dates and times that will work for you. Thanks.

Reminder: The church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1st.

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 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (Red) #365

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, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Read Responsively)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation



In Memory of:

Emma and Henry Krause Family from Mollie Skiba
Josephene and Phil Skiba Family from Mollie Skiba
Della and John Powers Family from Mollie Skiba
Charles and Pauline Arnott Family from Mollie Skiba
Herman and Esther Wegmeyer Family and Susan Wegmeyer Crowell from Mollie Skiba
Franklin and Beatrice Diamond (Mom and Dad) from Dolores Sumerix and Karen Wallace
Gus and Ilse Kuhl from Mary, George, and Carol Kuhl
My husband, Kenneth Sylvester, from wife June M. Sylvester
Shirley Dutcher from your family
Harold and Elaine Wegmeyer and Larry Wegmeyer from Fred and Carolynne Wegmeyer
Irving and Virginia Christopherson from Ivan, Barbara, Ashley, Kyle, Brooke, Justin, Cody, Paige Sumerix and families
Bert and Eleanor Sumerix from Ivan, Barbara, Ashley, Kyle, Brooke, Justin, Cody, Paige Sumerix and families
Russ Robb from Phyllis and Sue Robb
Trisha Grove from Phyllis and Sue Robb
Grover and Martha Hardesty from Gerald and Ann Hardesty
Karl and Katherine Jaeger from Gerald and Ann Hardesty
Our lost loved ones from Jim and Doreen Kriniak
Our parents, Dick and Alice Gapske and Dick and Marty Bennett, from Tom and Barb Bennett



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. 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. lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON “Show, Go, and Tell” Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Thine Is the Glory” (Red) #376

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 of grace,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Alpena, Michigan
Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**

The beautiful flowers that adorn our cross and sanctuary are given:

To the Glory of God, from:

Skeeter and Val Urban
Owen and Linda Werth

In Honor of:

Myra Gapske from her children and grandchildren
Pastor John and Nena Shipman from Mollie Skiba
Cynthia, Samuel, and Jonathan from Ginger Bohlen

In Memory of:

Melvin Huggler and Harold and Ruth Zaske from Joanne Huggler
Warren and Doris Peterson , Marilee Peterson and Jessica, William and Florence
Jaskolski and Matilda Ohlrich from Sally VanMassenhove
Frederick C. Burton I from Kathy and Bob and family
Louis and Dorthy Blemke from Roy and Karen Wekwert
Marion and Bob Seguin from Barb, Kathy and families
Dorothy and Gerald Girard from Barb, Kathy and families
Ed and Frieda Szczesniak from Lee and Barb and family
Edward and Ada Precour from Barbara Crittenden
Bruce “Red” and Hazel Crittenden from Barbara Crittenden
Richard and Michael Brown from Barbara Crittenden
Loves ones from Robert and Iris Arthur
Neil and Margaret Robarge from Bob and Judy Hand, Brian, Zack and Garrett
Chrzan and Jay Robarge
Percy and Lavina McKinnon from Bob and Judy Hand, Brian, Zack and Garrett
Chrzan and Jay Robarge
Warren and Mildren Hand from Bob and Judy Hand, Brian, Zack and Garrett Chrzan
and Jay Robarge
Myles, Jane, and Jeff Sommerfeld from Skeeter and Val Urban
Donald Bromund from Marge
Charles Geisbuhler from Rudy and Marie Kowalski
Karen Bisson from Jeff, Kris, Brandon, Olivia and Brett

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

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

(Red) #382

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

“Hallelujah”

G. Handel

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GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

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.
 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"

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - jice 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.