

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.	Phil Wickstrom
	9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m.	Danielle McDonald
<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.	John & Linda Snyder
	9:00 am.	Paul Kieliszewski, Owen Werth Cathy Kieliszewski, Jeff Ciupka Carol Kindt and Marty Cantleberry
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

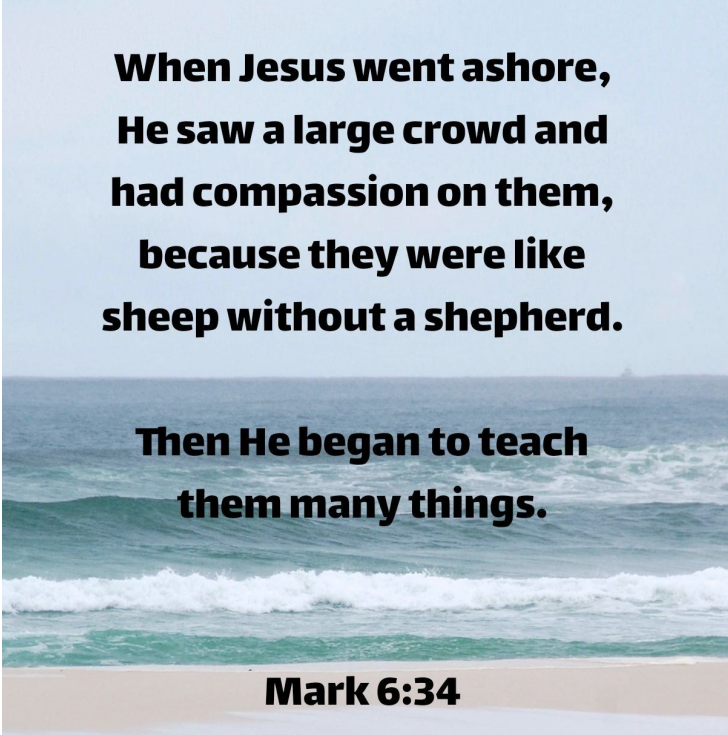
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Worship Ministry



**When Jesus went ashore,
He saw a large crowd and
had compassion on them,
because they were like
sheep without a shepherd.**

**Then He began to teach
them many things.**

Mark 6:34

July 20, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

July 21, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
July 21, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

Welcome! Celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries and a time to welcome our guests. We ask that you fill out the communion card and place it in the offering plate.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please Stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. 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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Red) #807

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.

The "Little's Worship Center," (nursery) is all set to go and we are searching for servant leaders who love babies. If you would like to help our families with babies at the 10:30 worship service or have any questions, speak with Pam Laity, 586-634-9841. There will be a meeting for all those interested, and those who have already signed up, on Sunday, July 21st at 10:15 a.m. in the nursery.

Council packets were sent out electronically. Printed copies will be available at Tuesday’s meeting.

Worship on the Beach. We will celebrate 3 more times this summer at our beach property. The final Saturday of each month (July 27, August 31 and September 28) at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to bring a friend, a beverage of choice, a lawn chair, snacks and a joyful spirit. Saturday night services will continue at 5:30 p.m. We will carpool from the church and travel to the beach property at 6:30 p.m. The service and time of fellowship will last from 7:00-9:00 p.m. If there is rain, we will reschedule.

We will resume the ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY program with a kick off of our MDOT clean up on Sunday, July 28th. Please save the date for our next pick-up as well, which will be on Sunday, September 22nd. We will meet at our church to view the video prior to venturing out for the clean up at our location on M-32. Hope you can be there to help with this project! All are welcome!!!

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a fireside chat on July 28th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will sit by the firepit near the river (or in the house or gazebo) and talk about life, hope, grace and the love of God (no agenda). This is a gift from Nena and I, so nothing is required to be part of this experience. Come for 15 minutes or for 2 hours.

The Forget-Me-Nots will meet next on the first Tuesday of August (August 6) at noon at our church picnic grounds. Please bring your lunch, a beverage and a friend.

The July Service Activity is the Little Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church. Items needed: macaroni & cheese, individual breakfast cereal, non-perishable milk, pancake mix, syrup, paper towels, toilet paper, baby foods, bread, quick easy meals for one, meat in pouches, canned meat, microwavable meals, canned fruits & vegetables, snacks for kids, peanut butter & jelly, feminine hygiene products. Please leave items on the altar.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 21–28, 2024	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Little’s Worship Center (<i>Nursery</i>) Meeting – 10:15 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church - 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	VBS Preparation Meeting – 4:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts–5:30 p.m.; Senior Leaders – 5:30 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 8:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles <i>Women’s Breakfast</i> (at JJ’s) – 7:30 a.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Breakfast (JJ’s)– 7:00 a.m.; Stitched Together – 11:00 a.m.; Gentle Yoga – 1:30 p.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Soul Sisters Kayaking – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Funeral Service for Marilyn “Annie” Olsen—11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.; Worship on the Beach – 7:00 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church - 10:30 a.m.; Highway Pick-Up – 12:00 p.m.; Fireside Chats (1921 Long Rapids Road) – 5:00 p.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:	Pam Laity – health issues	Colton Henning -medical issues
Tammy Stoutenburg - unspecified need	Annette Wade – medical issues	Art Hoffmeyer - heart issues
Laura Kieliszewski – health	Joel Foster – health concerns	Chris Kowalski – health need
Scott Brooks – health issues	John Wegmeyer – health issues	Eugene Brooks – health issues
Adam Schmidt – health issues	Harvey & Debbie Atkinson– health	Norm Dutcher - unspecified need
Marian Dove–unspecified need	Phyllis Robb - unspecified need	Richard Wood – fractured ankle
Karen Wallace – unspecified need	Dixie Creiver – health issues	Jim Smith – health issues
David Reeves – health issues	Dena Stevens – health issues	Margaret Lucian – health issues
Dale Zielaskowski - health issues	Chad Hamill – health issues	

(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: Resurrection Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Rev. Andreas Teich, Supply Pastor

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

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Marilyn “Annie” Olsen, who joined our Lord in eternity July 14, 2024. Her funeral service will be held on Friday, July 26th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of my Dad (who passed away July 15th) and my birthday, July 24th, from Katrina Schweinsberg.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF APRIL</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (07/13)	5:30 p.m.	52	Income	25,334.44	106,408.73
Sunday (07/14)	9:00 a.m.	57	Expenses	20,929.81	120,047.30
	10:30 a.m.	<u>62</u>	Difference	4,404.63	(13,638.57)
Total		171			

VBS - Calling all Saints at Saint Paul to save the dates for this summer’s *Splash into God’s Word Party* at the Starlite Beach Pavilion on Tuesday – Thursday, July 30th thru August 1st from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Plan now to come join us. **There will be a VBS preparation meeting** on Tuesday, July 23rd at 4:00 p.m. Please come help.

SALT (Sisters Abiding in Light and Truth) meet the 3rd Sunday of each month, however we will not meet in July. On August 18th we will get together for Putt-Putt Golf. This is for younger women who are 18 - 45. Be in prayer for this younger women’s group.

Next weekend we will collect the noisy offering, so don’t forget to bring your change!

The Soul Sisters are kayaking every Thursday, except the first of the month, through September, weather permitting, at 6:00 p.m. Come join us. Please contact Sue (989-354-8673) if you have any questions.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

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: Ephesians 2:11-22 (Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between

us.¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

(Red) #654

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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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.
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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong
Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so

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(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Excitement and Compassion”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

(Red) #676

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 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 PRAYER
 Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **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.

EUCHARISTIC 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"

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