

### 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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### PARTICIPANTS

<u>MINISTERS</u>		The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cattleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Ann Hardesty
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Robb
	9:00 a.m.	Janice Boboltz
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Bruce Anschuetz
	9:00 am.	Nancy St. Onge, Nancy Smithem
		Jesse and Jessica O'Neil
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Harley Steinke
	9:00 a.m.	Evan Peterson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

*We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.*

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

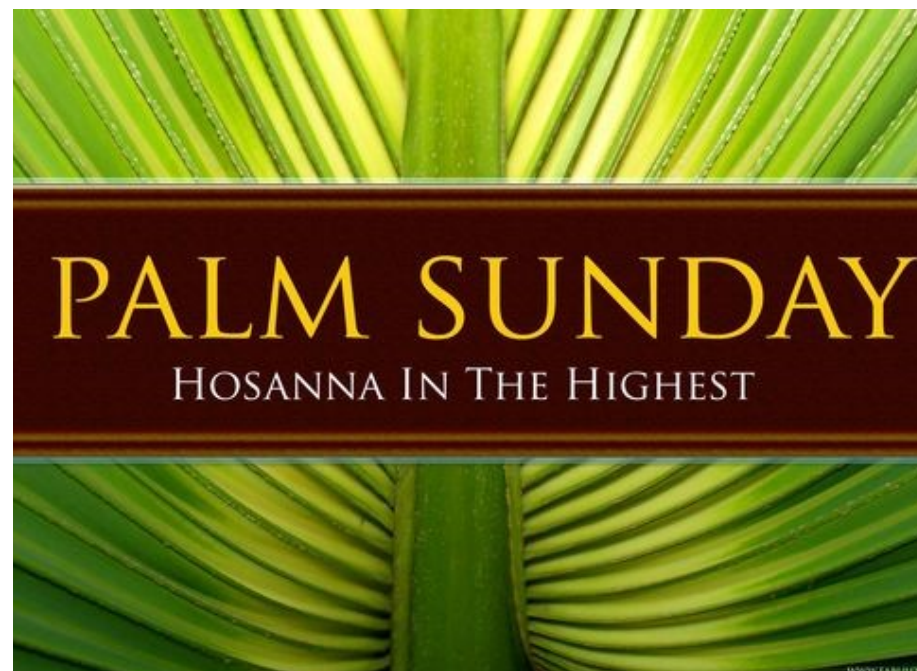
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*



**April 1, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**

**April 2, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.**

# GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Palm Sunday

April 1, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

April 2, 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. We ask that you fill out the communion card.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Please Stand)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. 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

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

(Red) #344

## 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.**

This week, Miss Nena's Book/Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**The Forget-Me-Nots will be meeting on April 4 at noon.** We will be going to the 19th Hole for lunch. In order to help the restaurant staff prepare our tables, please call Ann Hardesty (989-590-2055) to make a reservation by Friday, March 31. We hope to see you there.

**This Saturday, April 8th, the Adventure Club is planning an Easter Egg Hunt for our community within our building.** We would love donations of time, candy, and filled baskets. This will be another event to celebrate Christ in our community. Come and join the adventure.

St. Paul **Scholarship Committee** will be awarding a scholarship to a 2023 graduating senior or current college student. Applications are available in the church office and must be completed and returned by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Garage Sale in June.** Please set aside your items for this upcoming sale. You may start dropping off your things at the church in May. We need help with the garage sale and people to pick items up. To volunteer please contact Andrea Dutcher at 354-3651.

**St. Paul's Eucharistic Ministry:** We have trained Eucharistic Ministers who will take communion kits to shut-ins on a regular basis. Questions? Contact Esther Kindt at 471-2274.

**Be sure to check out our new website at [stpaul.org](http://stpaul.org)**

WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 2—9, 2023	
<u>SUN.</u>	Palm Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children's Church - 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	AARP Taxes – 8:00 a.m.; Tech Talks – 11:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; ETA – 5:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00
<u>TUES.</u>	Forget-Me-Nots (19 <sup>th</sup> Hole) – 12:00 p.m.; Education Committee – 5:30 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Air Rifle – 5:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 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.; Choir – 4:00 p.m.; Miss Nena's Bible Study – 5:30 p.m.; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men's Breakfast (at JJ's) – 7:00 a.m.; Maundy Thursday Lunch and Worship (St. Paul) – 12:00; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Air Rifle Team–5:30 p.m.; Recovery Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Service at Trinity Episcopal – 6:00 p.m., preceded by a soup supper at 5:00
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Community Tre-Ore Service at Grace – 12–3; Narcotics Anonymous – 6:00 p.m.; Good Friday Service (at St. Paul) – 6:00 p.m.; “The Passion” Movie – 7:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Easter Egg Hunt – 12:00 p.m.; NO Worship tonight – join us tomorrow
<u>SUN.</u>	Easter Worship Services/HC–Sunrise Service–6:30 a.m.; Liturgical Service - 9:00 a.m., Contemporary Service – 10:30 a.m.; Bake Sale –before and after the 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. services

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Steve Gould, David Reeves, Scott Brooks, Evelyn Green, Sam Weis, Tom Christou, Geri Hanson, Karen Wekwert, Bob Laity, Ray Bailey, Cathy Neizka, William Taylor, Kaye Remboski, Charles Atkinson, Lori Ludwig, Mary Kuhl, Mya Hall, Myra Gapske, Keeley Knapp, Don Urban Sr., Billiejo Foster, Jerry Swanson, 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. **ARMED SERVICES:** Michael Emington, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Andrew Hein, Alexander Gould, Mandy Killingbeck, Jacqueline Crimmins, Ashley (Dingman) Grant, Charles Tudor, Justin A. Smith, and Maragely Hein. *(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: Messiah Lutheran Church, Bay City, Rev. Don Stoneback

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Youth Group.

**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>
Ash Wed. (03/22) 12:30 p.m. 47	Income 24,712.91	46,658.88
Saturday (03/25) 5:30 p.m. -	Expenses <u>26,429.34</u>	<u>57,920.22</u>
Sunday (03/26) 9:00 a.m. 39	Difference (1,716.43)	(11,261.34)
10:30 a.m. <u>15</u>		
Total 101		

**Join us for the Holy Week Services.** They are as follows: Palm Sunday we will have our three regular weekend services; Maundy Thursday Service & Luncheon (St. Paul) - 12:00 p.m.; Ecumenical Maundy Thursday at Trinity Episcopal Church, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00, preceded by a Soup Supper at 5:00; Good Friday Services, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Tre-Ore Service (at Grace Lutheran Church) from 12:00-3:00. The Tre-Ore service will be livestreamed on Grace Lutheran’s website, gracelutheran-alpena.org. There will be an evening service at 6:00 (at St. Paul), followed by the movie “The Passion” at 7:00. Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have three services: A Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., Liturgical Service at 9:00 a.m. and Contemporary Service at 10:30 a.m. There will be an Easter Breakfast after the 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service.

**The Crafters will be hosting a Bake Sale on Easter Sunday, before and after the 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. Easter Services in the Narthex.** Come check out the cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, carrot cake, homemade bread and other choices for your Easter Sunday festivities. All proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of fruits, vegetables, and canning supplies for the Christmas Bazaar.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

**PSALM: 31:9-16 (Read Responsively)**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

**For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.**

For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”**

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> **Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SERMON NOTES

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*(Please Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

“Return to the Lord”

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

S 142b

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40**

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,



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: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (Red) #338

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"  
<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."  
<sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

"Praise God Joyfully"

Pastor John

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

(Red) #335

**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** Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

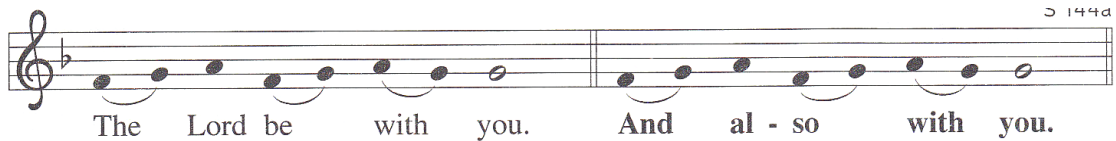
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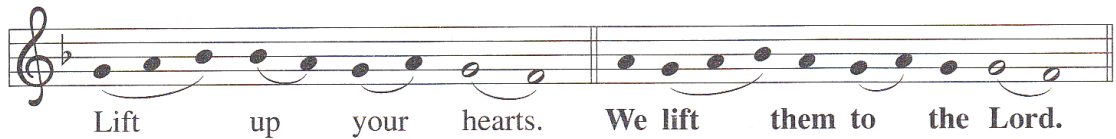
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*(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)*

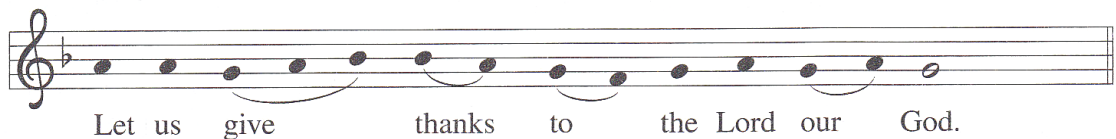
**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And also with you.



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



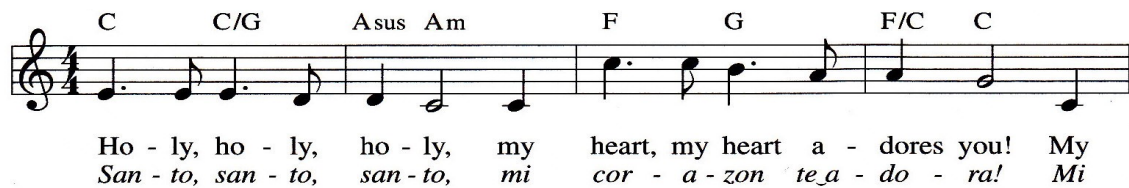
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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



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.

**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.**

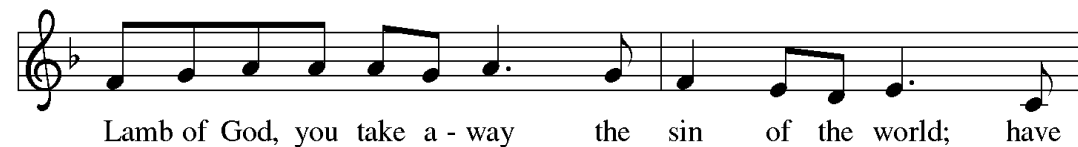
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*(Pleased be seated)*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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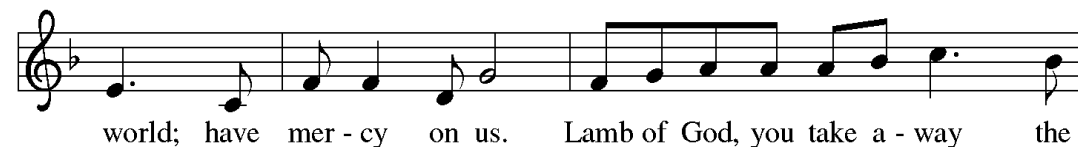
"Lamb of God"




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.

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"