

### 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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<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.	Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Ann Hardesty
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Barb Crittenden, Geri Hanson
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dennis and Sherry McDonald
	9:00 a.m.	Dennis and Lori Dziesinski
		Tim Moggie, Nancy Smithem
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Patti Byce and 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*



**September 10, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**September 11, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 10, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**September 11, 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**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (Red) #834

**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.**

**A Women’s Breakfast is starting this Wednesday, September 14, at 7:30 a.m. at JJ’s.** We will continue meeting weekly. This is open to all women. Remember, the 1<sup>st</sup> time you come, breakfast is free!

**The Soul Sisters will also be going kayaking again** on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., weather permitting. We will meet at Sytek Park on Bagley Street. Come join us and bring a friend!

**The Adventure Club will meet on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 -3:00 PM at Dinosaur Gardens in Ossineke. Meet at the church at 12:30 PM to carpool. Please call the office to sign up. Bring your spirit of adventure and hope as you explore and share your faith through fun and adventure. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1 - 105 years old. **Also,** The Adventure Club needs pumpkins for their October 16 outing. Please call the office if you have some to donate.

**The Safe Talk training will take place on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.** The class should take about 3 ½ hours for the presentations concerning suicide intervention. The participants will need to pre-register via Eventbrite. People in attendance must be at least 15 years old (15-17 year old must have parental approval). There will be availability for more people. Contact the office if you are interested.

Join us for our Autumn Educational Opportunities, which run September 21 through October 28. Pastor John will hold a Bible Study on Matthew and Miss Nena will lead a Book Study on “Fearless, Ordinary Women of the Bible who dared to do Extraordinary Things,” by Angela Donadio. Each class length will be 1 hour. Pastor John’s Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 and 5:30 PM and Miss Nena’s class will also meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Please call the office so we know how to plan/books to order.

**Worship on the Beach the last time this season - September 24 at 7:00 P.M.** This service will proclaim the gospel and celebrate the promises of God outdoors. 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. We will carpool from the church and travel to the beach property at 6:30. The service and time of fellowship will last from 7:00-9:00. If there is rain, we will reschedule.

**Our September Service Activity is Lincoln Elementary School.** Items needed: Children’s leggings (size small), markers, crayons, white board markers and folders. Please leave items on the altar. Thanks.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 11 – 18, 2022	
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00 ( <i>T-Shirt Weekend and God’s Work our Hands Sunday</i> ); Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church –10:30 a.m.; C.I.A. (Youth Group) – 10:30
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Bazaar Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches – 9:00 a.m.; Stephen Ministry – 2:15 p.m.; Stewardship Committee - 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Gnomes – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Women’s Breakfast (JJ’s) - 7:30 a.m.; Soul Sister’s Kayaking - 6:00 p.m.; Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Newsletter Deadline; Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s)–7:00; Chair Yoga – 3:00; Yoga – 5:30; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.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.; Fellowship–10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church –10:30 a.m.; Adventure Club at Dinosaur Gardens – 1:00 p.m. (Meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. to carpool)

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Annette Wade, Zay, Shirley Jones, Sandra Christopherson, Lisa Hilberg, Larkin Kerby, George & Dena Stevens, Harrison Hoppe, Susan Kaiser, William Taylor, John Wegmeyer, Eleanor Sumerix, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Myra Gapske, Meredith (Colby) Smith, Peter Roznowski, Dorothy LaFleche, Sally Barney, Donna Kowalski, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Lori Ludwig, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Don Kirschner, Bodo Hanson, Roy Sommerfeld, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Audrey Reck, 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: Faith Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Rev. John Soyster, Contracted Supply

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Ray of Sonshine Ministry.

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of Arnold Moggie who joined our Lord in eternity September 1, 2022. His memorial service was held September 8<sup>th</sup> at Hope Lutheran Church in Hubbard Lake.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given in honor of Gary and Yvonne DeRosia on their 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary from their kids.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF JUNE</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (09/03) 5:30 p.m.	45	Income 28,881.40	158,352.75
Sunday (09/04) 9:00 a.m.	55	Expenses <u>27,763.66</u>	<u>160,330.90</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>21</u>	Difference 1,117.74	(-1,978.15)
Total	121		

**Attention all Singers!** At long last we are going to be starting choir again. If you like to sing, please consider joining us. Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 14, from 6:00- 7:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Marty Cantleberry at 989-354-5504.

**SAVE THE DATE! The Harvest Dinner will be on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Plan now to attend this event and enjoy great fellowship and a delicious meal. The donation sheet is enclosed in the bulletin.

**Mark Your Calendars!** C.I.A. starts gathering on Sundays beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>! We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month during the 10:30 a.m. service. Come join us!

**We received a matching funds donation of \$5,000.00,** to repair the stained-glass windows in the Sanctuary. This means that if we are able to raise another \$5,000.00, this gift will be ours. This matching opportunity runs through October 4, 2022. Prayerfully consider this stewardship opportunity.

The next **Bazaar Meeting** is Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” <sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” <sup>14</sup> And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10 (Read Responsively)**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**



**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

(Red) #779

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**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. Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Joy In Heaven”

Pastor John Shipman

*(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**

**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.**

## OFFERING IS BEING RECEIVED IN THE BACK & THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 G<sup>7</sup> 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.**

*(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