

### 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.

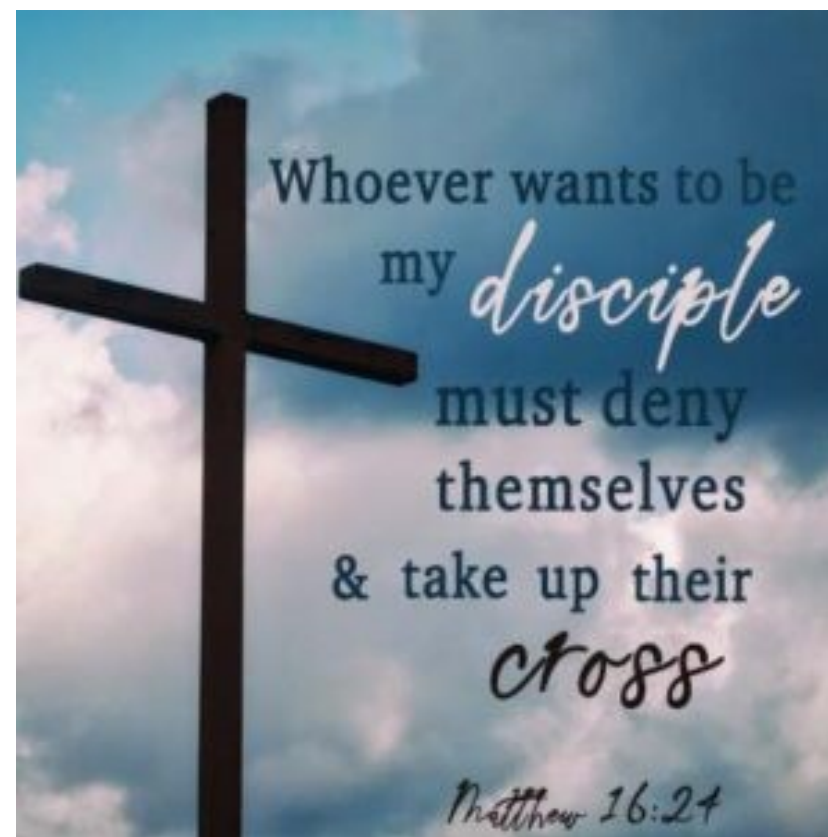
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### PARTICIPANTS

<u>MINISTERS</u>		The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Burton
<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.	Patti Byce
	9:00 a.m.	Steve and Andrea Dutcher
		Jesse and Jessica O’Neil
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Evan Peterson
	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 2, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**September 3, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.**



**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 2, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**September 3, 2023 - 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 God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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**      “For the Beauty of the Earth”      (Red) #879

**GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**The Soul Sisters will meet for their last two Kayaking Adventures on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** For location, borrowing kayaks, or questions please call Sue Robb at 989-354-8673.

**The Forget-Me-Nots** will be meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at noon for a picnic at our church picnic grounds. We will not meet on the first Tuesday because that is right after Labor Day. Please bring your lunch and a beverage. We hope to see you there!

**The Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, right after the 9:00 a.m. service. The deadline to get your financial budget and annual reports into the church office is September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Popcorn!** St Paul's Cub Scouts Pack 3092 will be coming to the services on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> before and after the 5:30 Service, and on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> before and after the 9:00 & 10:30 Service to sell popcorn to our congregation. Please come and be prepared to help support them in developing character in our youth.

**Join the Adventure Club on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at Lee's Miniature Golf, 1:00 p.m.** We are going to test our golfing skills and have lots of fun! Please pre-register in the office or on our app. *Thank you.*

**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.

Join us for our Autumn Educational Opportunities, which run September 20 through October 25. Pastor John will hold a Bible Study on the Gospel of John and Miss Nena will lead a Book Study on “Winning the Worry Battle,” by Barb Roose. 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.

The September Service Activity is Lincoln Elementary School. Items needed: school supplies, especially composition notebooks and dry erase markers, and children's clothing. Leave your donations on the altar.

**Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house for a Fireside Chat** on September 24 from 5:00-7:00. We will sit by the firepit by the river (or in the house or gazebo) and talk about life, hope, grace, and the love of God (no agenda). Come for 15 minutes or for 2 hours.

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 3–10, 2023</b>	
<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.
<u>MON.</u>	Church Office Closed; Happy Labor Day
<u>TUES.</u>	Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Air Rifle Team –5:30 p.m.; Education Committee – 5:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles (at JJ's) – 7:30 a.m.; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00; Choir –6:00
<u>THURS.</u>	3M Men's Breakfast (at JJ's) – 7:00 a.m.; Air Rifle Team –5:30 p.m.; Singles@St.Paul – 5:30 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.; <i>T-Shirt/Friend/"God Work. Our Hands" Weekend</i>
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children's Church & C.I.A. (Youth)–10:30 a.m.; <i>T-Shirt/Friend/"God Work. Our Hands" Weekend</i>

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Andy Beagle, Phyllis Robb, Jullian Kerby, Frank Woodward, Pat Brodziak, Sarah Moe Melching, Brendia Mantea, Laurie Stafford, Allison Dutcher, Brendon & Heather Maroney, David Hunt, Dolores Libka, David Reeves, Josh Paulsen, Julie Troy, Krissy, Cathy Moe, Cathy Beigaey, Mary Senchuk, John Wegmeyer, Tom Christou, Geri Hanson, Keeley Knapp, Don Urban Sr., Billiejo Foster, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Sally Barney, Joel Foster, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Bodo Hanson, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Audrey Reck, Bernice Menck, and Karen Wallace. **ARMED SERVICES:** Noah Hardesty, 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: Faith Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Kevin Sullivan.

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

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of Kenneth Sylvester who joined our Lord in eternity August 25, 2003. His memorial service was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on August 31, 2023.

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of Nancy Chrzan, who joined our Lord in eternity August 28, 2023. Her funeral service was held on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at Karpus Hunter & Ross Funeral Home.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given in honor of Myra Gapske on her birthday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> with love from her children and grandchildren.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF JUNE</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (08/26)	5:30 p.m.	69	Income	31,148.16	165,703.26
Sunday (08/27)	9:00 a.m.	46	Expenses	<u>27,891.66</u>	<u>175,117.05</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>19</u>	Difference	3,256.50	(9,413.79)
Total		134			

**Reminder:** The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, for Labor Day.

**St. Paul Choir** will be starting up again on Wednesday evening, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Looking forward to gathering together again, and hoping to have some new voices join us.

**Next weekend, September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>,** is T-Shirt Weekend/Friendship Weekend/God's Work Our Hands Weekend. Wear your favorite T-shirt and invite a friend!

The next **Bazaar Meeting** is Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 in the lounge. We hope to see you there.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who choose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. <sup>16</sup> Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup> I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup> Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. <sup>19</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. <sup>20</sup> And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. <sup>21</sup> I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8 (Read Responsively)**

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

#### **Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

#### **I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.

#### **I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,**

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.

#### **O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21 (Sunday 9:00 a.m.)**

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be

arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

"We Are Called"

(Red) #720

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.  
**Thanks be to 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 - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.**

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup> “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON “Sound the Trumpet” Rev John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY “Will You Come and Follow Me” (Red) #798

**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.

## OFFERING

## OFFERING PRAYER

*(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.**

*(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"