

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>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Gail Atkins
	9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Robb
	9:00 a.m.	Mary Courtney
<u>HEAD USHER</u>		Roy Wekwert
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	John and Linda Snyder
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler, Tim Moggie
		Kathy Burton, Barb Szczesniak
<u>CHILDREN’S CHURCH LEADERS</u>		Amy DeRosia, Karen Wekwert, Sue Robb
<u>LITTLES’ WORSHIP CENTER LEADERS</u>		Paused for Summer
<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

Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Personnel Committee



August 1, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.
August 2, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.
August 2, 2026 - 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, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “You Are Holy” (Red) #525

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.

"Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning." - Proverbs 9:9. Please pray that this spirit of openness guides our council as they work to fill the open seat during this transition. If you are interested in serving or have nominations for a faithful leader, please bring those names directly to our church leadership.

The August Service Activity is Besser Elementary School. Items needed: Expo markers, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, notebooks, glue, water bottles, Kleenex, Clorox wipes, headphones, Post-it notes, colored popsicle sticks, manilla folders, Ziploc bags, red pens, pencil cap erasers, brown or white lunch paper bags, stickers, Dum Dums suckers, snacks, Playdough, paper towels, sponges, ice packs, band aids, coffee filters (to hold snacks), Dollar Tree gift cards, socks, underwear (all sizes) hair ties, sweat pants (smaller sizes) and plastic folders with three prongs in the center. Please leave your donations on the altar.

The Forget-Me-Nots will meet for a picnic lunch and conversation on Tuesday, August 4th at noon at the church picnic grounds, weather permitting. Please bring your lunch and a beverage. Hope to see you there. If you need a ride or have any questions, please call Ann Hardesty at (989) 590-2055.

The Singles will be meeting this Thursday, August 6th at the 19th Hole at 5:30 p.m. Please, come join us!

The Soul Sisters are kayaking on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month this summer. In August they will meet next on August 12th and 26th at Sytek Park. Questions? Please call Sue at 989-354-8673.

Mark Your Calendars! The next ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY MDOT clean-up will be on Sunday, August 16th. We will meet at the church at 12:00 p.m. to view a video before venturing out for the clean-up. Come, join us!

The Altar Care ministry could use additional people serving. If you are interested, you can contact Carol Kindt at 989-356-9642. 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: <i>AUGUST 2—9, 2026</i>	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service/Children’s Church/C.I.A. (Youth) - 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Alpena Peace Community – 1:00 p.m.; Line Dancing - 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. Group - 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Forget-Me-Nots – Church Picnic Grounds – 12:00 p.m.; Education – 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Church Council – 5:30 p.m.; Scouting America – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles – 7:30 a.m.; Stephen Ministry Training – 4:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	3M Men’s Breakfast - 7:00 a.m.; Prayer Shawl – 10:30 a.m.; Open Line Dance – 1:00 p.m.; Stephen Ministry – 3:30 p.m.; Singles – 5:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship Service/HC– 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Fellowship – 10:00; Contemporary Service/Children’s Ch./C.I.A. - 10:30

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Garrett Chrzan – surgery	Tina Chrzan - surgery
Kathy Prevo – medical issues	Adam Schmidt – health issues
Alan Courtney – health issues	Cindy DeRosia – health
Eleanor Coddington – health issues	David McNeil–health issues
Dorothy Carr – health issues	Mary Boomer-Scott – health
Travis Schmidt – health issue	Lee Szczesniak–medical issues
Dixie Crevier – health issues	Malary Smith – unspecified
Kevin Reiser – health issues	Alice Meredith - unspecified
Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	Ann Martin – medical issues
	John Wegmeyer– health issues
	Chad Hamill – health issues
	Lisa Dziesinski-health issue
	Dena Stevens – health issues
	Joel Foster – health issues
	Billie Jo Foster – health issues
	Nancy St. Onge – health issues
	Yvonne McQuarrie – health

ARMED SERVICES: Cayden Wekwert, Katie Copping, Jake Przysiecki, Noah Hardesty, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Andrew Hein, Justin A. Smith, Maragely Hein, Amelia Berles, Josh Gapske, Nicole Stafford, Chuck Dziedzic, and Dale Kirkendoll. *(Prayer is the best medicine and we are prepared to pray indefinitely for folks. Would you help the church office keep our list current? Unless we know otherwise, our normal practice is to remove names after a month. Thanks.)*

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Augustana Lutheran Church, Tustin, Rev. Sharon Van Dam.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Assisting Ministers ministry.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>END OF MAY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday 07/25 5:30 a.m. 44	Income 19,689.51	125,486.75
Sunday 07/26 9:00 a.m. 51	<u>Expenses</u> 23,722.11	<u>155,734.73</u>
10:30 a.m. 12	Difference (4,032.60)	(30,247.98)
Total 107		

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Bruce “Red” Crittenden from Barb Crittenden.

The Call Committee met on Monday. They have the Questionnaire out and are asking everyone for your feedback. Your opinion is truly valued. Please keep them in prayer as they continue this process.

Please join us in welcoming Danielle MacDonald as our new Church Treasurer! We are incredibly grateful for her willingness to serve our congregation in this vital role, managing the financial resources God has entrusted to our church. As Danielle steps into this position, we ask that you keep her and our leadership team in your prayers. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and smooth transition during this season of change. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Danielle through email.

If you are interested in becoming a new member, please call the church office at 989-356-1658.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (Read Responsively)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfils the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.
The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5 (Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Children’s Message

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

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(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Bryan Schneider-Thomas

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

(Red) #515

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.

(Please stand)

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

(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

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

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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 in the middle circle for those who prefer it. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

"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.**