

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.

PARTICIPANTS

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| <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. | Carol Kindt |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Karen Wekwert |
| <u>LECTOR</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Carol Kindt |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Karen Wekwert |
| <u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Sue Robb |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Janice Boboltz |
| <u>USHERS & GREETERS</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Bruce Anschuetz |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Richard Miller, Nancy St. Onge |
| | | Jesse O’Neil, Roy Wekwert |
| <u>ACOLYTE</u> | 5:30 p.m. | Odessa Morrison |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Harley Steinke |
| <u>ALTAR CARE</u> | | Patti Byce and Laurie Stafford |

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



And all ate and were filled.
Matthew 14:20a

August 5, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
August 6, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 5, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
August 6, 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 the holy Trinity,+ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. We have squandered your blessings. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

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 “We Come to the Hungry Feast” (Red) #479

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.

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.**

Come out to the County Fair this year. Pastor John and the president of the Church Council (Scott Brooks) are hoping to have some fun with finding us there. Much like a living “Where’s Waldo,” without glasses or striped shirt. If you find us both you will win an elephant ear. The Fair runs from August 12–19. Pastor will announce when they are there. We hope you will seek and find us there.

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) **for a Fireside Chat** on August 27 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). 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.

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.

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 (snack or sandwich size), 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 (used to purchase incentives for the classroom), 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. Thank you.

Come join us for weekend Fellowship. On Saturday Night we meet before the service at 4:30 for coffee and baked goods until 5:20. Fellowship for the 9:00 service and the 10:30 service will occur in-between the service time. Everyone is invited to join us.

Please note: **The Stewardship Meeting has been changed.** We will meet on Tuesday, August 22nd at 4:30 p.m. at Lori Dziesinski’s house.

| WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 6 - 13, 2023 | |
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| <u>SUN.</u> | Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m. |
| <u>MON.</u> | Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.; Bazaar Planning Meeting (Lounge) – 5:30 p.m. |
| <u>TUES.</u> | Stephen Ministry – 10:00 a.m.; Air Rifle Team – 5:30 p.m.; Soul Sister’s Kayaking – 5:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m. |
| <u>WED.</u> | Women’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:30 a.m.; Soul Sisters Annual Pool Party (Nancy Smithem’s home) – 3:00 p.m. |
| <u>THURS.</u> | Men’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:00 a.m.; Outreach – 5:00 p.m.; Air Rifle Team–5:30 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/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 and C.I.A. (Youth) – 10:30 a.m. |

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Allison Dutcher, Brendon & Heather Maroney, David Hunt, Dolores Libka, David Reeves, Josh Paulsen, Julie Troy, Krissy, Carol Grabow, Cathy Moe, Patty Jo (Morton) Wenzel, Logan Spengler, Cathy Beigaey, Maxine Miller, William Bushey, Mary Senchuk, John Wegmeyer, Gus Schultz, Tom Christou, Geri Hanson, Keeley Knapp, Don Urban Sr., Billiejo Foster, Elaine Kingsbury, Joel Foster, Sally Barney, Nancy Chrzan, 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, Alexander Gould, Andrew Hein, 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: Christ the King Lutheran Church, Gladwn, Rev. Emily Olsen

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Random Acts of Caring and Kindness Ministry (RACKM).

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in loving memory of our daughter, Mary Lou Hamer, from Jan Stafford.

| <u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u> | | | <u>END OF JUNE</u> | | <u>YEAR TO DATE</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Saturday (07/29) | 5:30 p.m. | 70 | Income | 31,148.16 | 165,703.26 |
| Sunday (07/30) | 9:00 a.m. | 52 | Expenses | <u>27,891.66</u> | <u>175,117.05</u> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | <u>26</u> | Difference | 3,256.50 | (9,413.79) |
| Total | | 148 | | | |

The Soul Sisters are meeting on Wednesday, August 9th, at Nancy Smithem’s house, for her annual Pool Party. Bring a snack to share if you like. Nancy will provide lemonade and iced tea. Come any time after 3:00 p.m. This event is open to everyone. Nancy’s address is 121 N. Sheridan Street, Alpena. Come and enjoy this fun and relaxing event. **The Soul Sisters also have Kayaking Adventures planned** on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesday now through September, weather permitting. So, the next adventure is August 8th. For locations, borrowing kayaks, or questions please call Sue Robb, 989-354-8673.

Worship on the Beach. We will celebrate the final Saturday of each month (August 26 and September 30) 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. 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.

The first Bazaar Start-Up meeting will be on August 7th at 5:30 in the lounge. Everyone is welcome!

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline 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. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Now 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 fulfills 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 forever and ever.

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

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ²I 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 brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. 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 Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. 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 - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

DISMISSAL
 Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and 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.**

“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: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (Red) #543

(Please be seated)
SERMON

“Don’t Go Away”

Rev John Shipman

(Please stand)
HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” (Red) #712

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 Hear us, O God.
 Your mercy is great.

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

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 - dore 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.

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"

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