

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

<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.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Joan Smolinski
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 am.	Roy Wekwert, Kathy Burton Steve and Andrea Dutcher
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Odessa Morrison
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Sue Moggia, Jessica O'Neil, Karen Wekwert, Shirley Kowalski	

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:
Men's Dynamic Ministry



June 8, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

June 9, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 8, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
June 9, 2024 - 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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. 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 “Lead Me, Guide Me” (Red) #768

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.

The Church Rummage Sale will be June 13-15! You may drop off your items at the church. We will again be accepting clean used clothing and shoes for our sale. If you are available to help, please come set up Monday – Wednesday, June 10-12 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., or help with the sale, June 13-15, 9:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. Saturday. Questions? Call Andrea at 989-354-3651.

SALT (Sisters Abiding in Light and Truth) will meet on Sunday, June 16th for a bonfire at Pastor John’s home from 6:00–8:00 p.m. We will continue to meet the 3rd Sunday of each month. On July 21st we will meet at the picnic grounds for volleyball and a picnic, and August 18th for Putt-Putt Golf. This is for women who are 18 - 45.

We will be celebrating Karen Wallace’s 80th Birthday with a Party on Sunday, June 23, at 12 pm in St Paul’s Dining Room. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Sue Moggie (989-590-0600) by June 13th. Thank you.

Do you have questions about your faith or you would like to learn/know more? Pastor John is offering a class on “Christian Basics.” Pastor will meet with you one on one or in a small group, once or twice a month. He will be using the book with the same title “Christian Basics” by Dorothy and Gabriel Fackre in this learning process. Please contact Pastor to set up a time you could meet with him.

For the July 4th parade, our float theme is Faith • Family • Freedom. We are looking for a trailer, or hay wagon, a truck, and driver to pull the float, volunteers to help decorate, tear down, ride or walk alongside of the float. We are also looking for hard candy donations (Chocolates, caramel etc. melt quickly in the heat!), small waters, or freeze pops. Monetary donations will also be accepted. *Join us Monday, June 10th, for the next float meeting at 5:30 p.m.*

Beatrice and David Henning will be welcoming their new baby later this month. Please keep them in your prayers for a smooth delivery. If you would like to bless them, please drop diapers or wipes at the church office.

Fellowship is in need of cookies used before the Saturday service and between the 9:00 and 10:30 services on Sunday. If you’re willing to donate cookies, drop them off during the church office hours.

Worship on the Beach. We will celebrate 4 times this summer at our beach property. The final Saturday of each month (June 29, July 27, August 31 and September 28) 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JUNE 9–16, 2024	
SUN.	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church - 10:30
MON.	Rummage Sale Set-Up - 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.; Float Mtg.-5:30
TUES.	Rummage Sale Set-Up – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Gratitude Lunches – 9:00 a.m.; Stephen Ministry – 10:00; Stewardship – 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts–5:30; Boy Scouts– 6:30 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 8:30 p.m.
WED.	Rummage Sale Set-Up – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Breakfast Belles <i>Women’s Breakfast</i> (at JJ’s)–7:30; Pastor John’s Bible Study – 1:00 & 5:30 p.m.; Nena’s Bible Study – 5:30 p.m.
THURS.	3M Men’s Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.; Rummage Sale – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Gentle Yoga – 1:30 p.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Outreach – 3:30 p.m.; Soul Sisters Kayaking – 6:00 p.m.
FRI.	Rummage Sale – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
SAT.	Newsletter Deadline; Rummage Sale – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
SUN.	Worship/HC–9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church - 10:30 a.m.; The Adventure Club at Arzo Amusement Park – 3:00 p.m.; SALT Bonfire at Pastor John’s house - 6:00 p.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Margaret Lucian – health	James Thomas - healing
Tammy Stoutenburg-unspecified need	Art Hoffmeyer- heart issues
Bodo Hanson–health issues	Joel Foster – health concerns
Scott Brooks – health issues	Eugene Brooks–health issues
Jack Walters – unspecified need	Judy Hand - Pneumonia
Marian Dove–unspecified need	Miranda – health issues
Karen Wallace – unspecified need	Linda Doan – health issues
David Reeves – health issues	Adam Schmidt – health issues
Dale Zielaskowski - health issues	Evelyn Hein – unspecified need

(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: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Portage, Rev. Rachel Laughlin.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Gratitude Luncheons team.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Elaine Kingsbury, who joined our Lord in eternity May 31st, 2024. Her funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Wednesday, June 5th, 2024.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given to the glory of God.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			END OF APRIL		YEAR TO DATE
Saturday (06/01)	5:30 p.m.	46	Income	25,334.44	106,408.73
Sunday (06/02)	9:00 a.m.	84	Expenses	20,929.81	120,047.30
	10:30 a.m.	<u>49</u>	Difference	4,404.63	(13,638.57)
Total		179			

The June Service Activity is the Alpena Baby Pantry. Items needed: Diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby powder, shampoo, lotion, formula, baby food, cereal, juice, clothing, and bedding. Please leave items on the altar. Thank you for your generosity.

Pastor John and Miss Nena have planned Summer Educational Opportunities that run from June 5th – 26th. Pastor John’s classes meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and 5:30 p.m. and Miss Nena’s class meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Pastor John is holding a Bible Study on “The Lost Gospels of Jesus” and Miss Nena will lead a Book Study on “Lessons I Learned in the Dark” by Jennifer Rothschild. Please join us.

The Adventure Club will be having some summer fun as they head out to Arzo Amusement Park on Sunday, June 16th, at 3:00 p.m. You must pre-register by calling the church, 989-356-1658, or on our app by Sunday, June 9th. There are some height and weight restrictions. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1–105 years old.

The "Little's Worship Center," (nursery) is being cleaned and we are searching for servant leaders who love babies. If you would like to help our families with babies at the 10:30 worship service, speak with Pam Laity, 586-634-9841.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. All powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸ They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ ¹⁰ He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ ¹¹ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ ¹² The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ ¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’

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

PSALM: Psalm 130 (Read Responsively)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.
 O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1} For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to You, O Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

(Red) #860

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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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.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ ²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ ‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— ³⁰ for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ ³³ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers!’ ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

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

“Do the Will Of God”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

(Red) #504

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 PRAYER
 Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

(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.

(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"