

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.

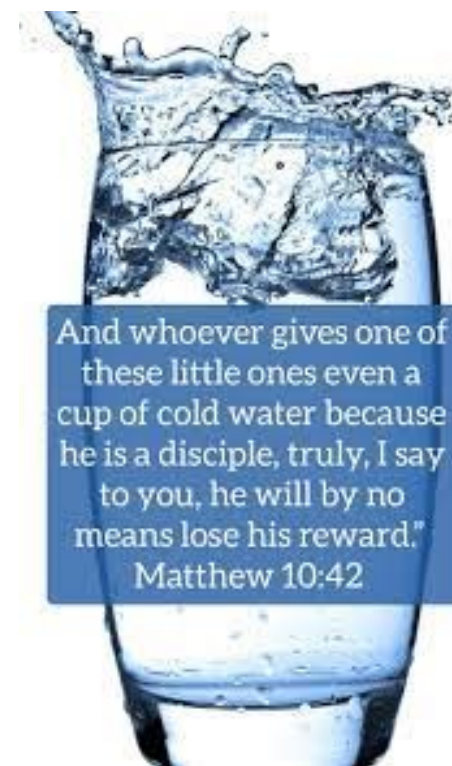
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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> | |
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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. Shirley Jones |
| <u>LECTOR</u> | 5:30 p.m. Carol Kindt |
| | 9:00 a.m. Cathy Kieliszewski |
| <u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u> | 5:30 p.m. Sue Robb |
| | 9:00 a.m. Janice Boboltz |
| <u>USHERS & GREETERS</u> | 5:30 p.m. Dennis and Lori Dzieszinski |
| | 9:00 a.m. Richard Miller, Nancy St. Onge |
| <u>ACOLYTE</u> | 5:30 p.m. Evan Peterson |
| | 9:00 a.m. Alayna Krey |
| <u>ALTAR CARE</u> | Marty Cantleberry 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



July 1, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
July 2, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
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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 “Let Us Go Now to the Banquet” (Red) #523

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. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Our July Service Activity is the Little Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church/Alpena AND New Life Lutheran Church/Spruce. Items needed: macaroni & cheese, individual breakfast cereal, nonperishable milk, pancake mix, syrup, paper towels, toilet paper, baby foods, bread, quick easy meals for one, meat in pouches, canned meat, microwavable meals, canned fruits & vegetables, snacks for kids, peanut butter & jelly, and feminine hygiene products. Please leave items on the altar. Thank you.

Exciting news! St. Paul now has its very own mobile app! Stay connected with us and access all the latest updates, sermons, and events right from your phone. You can search the store for "St Paul Alpena" or contact media@stpaul.org if you need assistance. Adam will be happy to help!

The Parade Committee is looking for donations of summer parade friendly candy, flavor ice type pop-sicles, and small water bottles to pass out at the parade. Please drop items to the church office. Also needed are volunteers to ride or walk with the float. Please contact Joanne, 989-356-6532, if you can help or have any questions.

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.

If you would like to make further donations to the Cancer Center, for patients undergoing treatment we are needing packaged nuts, crackers with peanut butter or cheese, rice crispy treats, candy bars, Jolly Rancher hard candies, oatmeal packets, pudding snacks. Please drop them off at Miss Nena’s office.

The Scholarship Committee is grateful to those that have brought in their bottle returns, we ask that you keep them coming! The bottle returns can be placed in the janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre Street side, there is a sign on the door to prevent confusion.

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.

Please note: Yoga classes have been cancelled until October.

| WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 2–9, 2023 | |
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| SUN. | Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church - 10:30 a.m. |
| MON. | Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m. |
| TUES. | Church Office Closed; <i>July 4th Parade Starts at 11:00 a.m.</i> |
| WED. | Women’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:30 a.m.; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m. |
| THURS. | Men’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:00; Air Rifle Team – 5:30; Singles – 5:30 p.m. |
| FRI. | Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m. |
| SAT. | Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC - 5:30 p.m. |
| SUN. | Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & 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: Marty Bennett, Maxine Miller, William Bushey, Mary Senchuk, Pat Brown, Margie Hoppe, Kathy Cole, Laura Kieliszewski, David Hunt, Bob Laity, Beth Moore, Deb Dewar, Steve Gould, David Reeves, John Wegmeyer, Sandy Wozniak, Annette Wade, Evelyn Green, Sam Weis, Geri Hanson, Mya Hall, Keeley Knapp, Don Urban Sr., Billiejo Foster, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Sally Barney, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Bodo Hanson, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Audrey Reck, Bernice Menck, and Karen Wallace. **ARMED SERVICES:** 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: Calvary Lutheran Church, Elk Rapids, Rev. Zachary Nelson.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Funeral Lunches Ministry.

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

| <u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u> | | | <u>END OF APRIL</u> | | <u>YEAR TO DATE</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Saturday (06/24) | 5:30 p.m. | 63 | Income | 25,356.51 | 98,273.31 |
| Sunday (06/25) | 9:00 a.m. | 57 | Expenses | <u>23,113.99</u> | <u>116,902.33</u> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | <u>21</u> | Difference | 2,242.52 | (18,629.02) |
| Total | | 141 | | | |

The Soul Sisters have Kayaking Adventures planned on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesday now through September, weather permitting. So, the next adventure is July 11th. For locations, borrowing kayaks, or questions please call Sue Robb, 989-354-8673.

The Soul Sisters and The Forget-Me-Nots are meeting on July 18th, at Donna Kensa’s house, where she will host a Garden Walk from 2:00-7:00 p.m. Her address: 3385 M-32, Alpena, approximately 2 miles from the light at Walmart, left hand side – set back in the woods. Come and enjoy this relaxing evening of beauty, fellowship, and fun. The Forget-Me-Nots will carpool out there. Meet at the church at 3:00.

Worship on the Beach. We will celebrate the final Saturday of each month (July 29, 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.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 (Read Responsively)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to my servant David:

‘I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations. Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;

they exult in your name all day long and extol your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23 (Sunday 9:00 a.m.)

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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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: 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 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” (Red) #551

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Welcome”

Rev John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“All Are Welcome”

(Red) #641

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, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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

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

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
 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.**