

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.

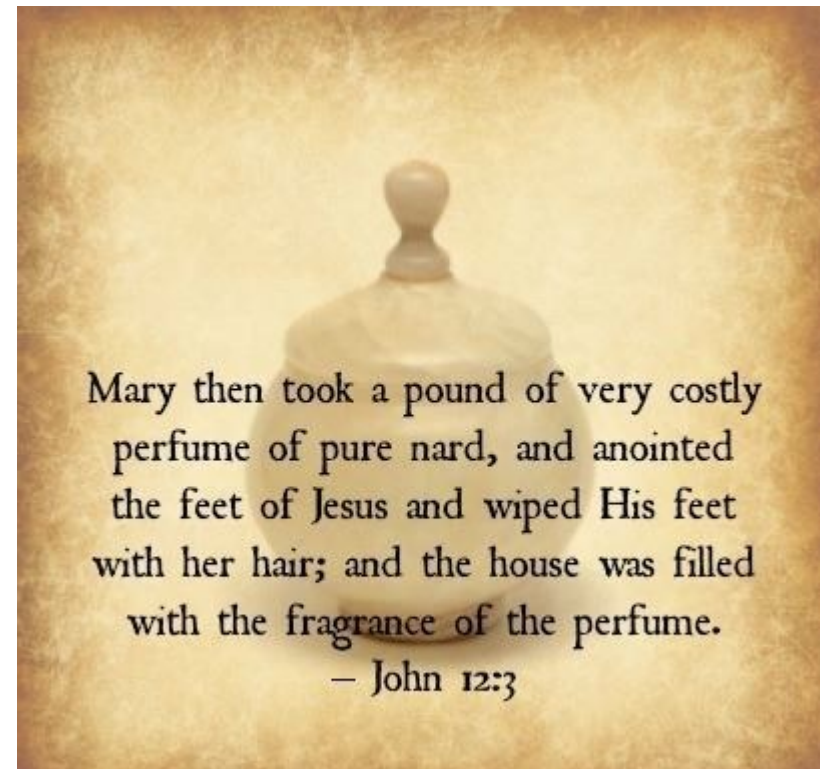
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Robb, Jodie Lahti
	9:00 a.m.	Janice Boboltz
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 am.	Jeff Ciupka, Nancy Smithem
		Cathy Kieliszewski, Paul Kieliszewski
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Cayden Smith
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

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



April 2, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
April 3, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 2, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
April 3, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

Congregational responses are printed in bold; Additional items for the 9:00 a.m. service only are printed in blue.)

Welcome! Celebrations of birthdays, Anniversaries and a time to welcome our guests. The offering will be received at the back and front of the church building. We ask that you fill out the communion card and place it in the offering plate in the front or back of the church before you depart the church.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please Stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. 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 "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (Red) #339

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 Forget-Me-Nots will be on Tuesday, April 5 at 12:00. Bring a snack lunch and beverage. Ms. Nena will speak to us about the Sonshine Ministry Program. Next, those wishing will go to visit the Jesse Besser Museum. We will carpool to the Museum, meet with the Museum Director, and tour the exhibits.

We are looking for two volunteers to make soup, and one or two volunteers to help set up and clean up, for the Maundy Thursday evening meal at 6:00 pm on April 14th. Please call the church if you would like to serve in one of these ways. Thank you.

On April 16th the Adventure Club is planning an Easter Egg Hunt for our community within our building. We would love donations of time and candy to fill the plastic Easter eggs. Plan now to attend.

Join us for the Holy Week Services. They are as follows: Palm Sunday we will have our three regular weekend services; Maundy Thursday, April 14th, at 7:00, preceded by a Soup Supper at 6:00; Good Friday Services, April 15th, Tre-Ore Service (sponsored by 1st Presbyterian) from 12:00-3:00, evening service at 6:00 (at St. Paul), followed by the movie "The Passion" at 7:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 17th, we will have three services: A Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., Liturgical Service at 9:00 a.m. and Contemporary Service at 10:30.

The Crafters will be hosting a Bake Sale on Easter Sunday, between the Easter Services. Come check out the cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, cupcakes, sweet breads, and other choices for your Easter Sunday festivities. All proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of fruit, vegetables, and canning supplies for the Christmas Bazaar. If you have any questions call Lori Ludwig at 356-4753.

Choir Practice will meet on Wednesday, April 6th and 13th, at 6:00 p.m. All interested singers are welcome. We will be singing at the 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday service, April 17th. If you have any questions please call the church office at 356-1658. Hope to see you there!

The ELCA has an outreach campaign for the people of the Ukraine. Our Church has contributed \$500. If others would like to contribute a personal check for this crisis, please make a check out to the following address: Lutheran Disaster Response and in the memo line write, "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" or "Where needed most." Send the check to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 3–10, 2022

<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church– 10:30 a.m.; Jr./Sr. High Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Forget-Me-Nots – 12:00 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Wednesday Lenten Lunch and Worship Service – 12:00 p.m.; Job Bible Study (Pastor John) – 1:00 p.m.; Stephen Ministry – 4:00 p.m.; Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.; Property Committee – 7:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) –7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Outreach – 5:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; Singles@St.Paul – 6:00 p.m.; Book Study (Nena) – 6:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Tech Talks – 3:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Palm Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30; Jr./Sr. High Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Karen Morton, Ruth Ohmart, Lexi Liske, Madelyn Mills, Geraldine Rhoads, Gary Rich, Alvin Sharp, Josh Paulson, David Sigmon, Stanley Wikaryasz, Laurie Stafford, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Don Kirschner, Bodo Hanson, Roy Sommerfeld, Melissa Smith, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Tim Grossman, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. **ARMED SERVICES:** Michael Emington, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Lauren Hoeksema, 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: Trinity Lutheran Church, Midland, Rev. Gerald Ferguson, Rev. Danielle Shealy

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for our Baked Potato and Ice Cream Bar organizers.

CONDOLENCES TO the family and friends Kathy Cody who joined our Lord in eternity March 29, 2022.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		END OF FEBRUARY		YEAR TO DATE
Wednesday Lent Service (03/23)	33	Income	33,177.49	53,621.70
Saturday (03/26) 5:30 p.m.	55	Expenses	<u>34,891.50</u>	<u>54,366.75</u>
Sunday (03/27) 9:00 a.m.	39	Difference	(-1,714.01)	(-745.05)
10:30 a.m.	<u>13</u>			
Total	140			

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the glory of God.

The April Service Activity is Wilson Elementary School Clothing closet. Items needed: Girls leggings size 6/8, 10/12, and 14/16; Boys sweatpants, size small – X-large. Unisex t-shirts, size small – X-large. Please place your items on the altar.

Join us for the last Wednesday Lenten Service, April 6th, at 12:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a Soup lunch at 12:00 p.m. Please grab the beige Trifold in the Narthex, which has the entire schedule for Lent and Easter.

Join us for our Lenten Educational Opportunities, which run through April 13. Pastor John is holding a Book Study on Job and Miss Nena is leading a Book Study on “Me, Myself, and Lies” by Jennifer Rothschild. Each class length will be 1 hour. Pastor John’s Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and Miss Nena’s class will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Please note: *The week of Easter, Miss Nena’s class will meet on Wednesday, April 13th, at 6:30 p.m. instead of Thursday, as we will have Maundy Thursday services.*

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

PSALM: Psalm 126 (Read Responsively)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”** The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. **Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.** May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. **Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in

his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

“Return to the Lord”

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON NOTES

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: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

(Red) #338

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Over The Top”

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Loved the World”

(Red) #323

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 IS BEING RECEIVED IN THE BACK & THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. **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 - ña! 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.

(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.**