

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 Canteleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Gail Atkins
	9:00 a.m.	Cheri Fletcher
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m.	Janice Boboltz
<u>HEAD USHER</u>		Roy Wekwert
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Tim and Barb Smith
	9:00 am.	Cathy Kieliszewski, Roy Wekwert
		Paul Kieliszewski, Ryan Panknin
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS</u>		Kathy Burton, Jean Johnson
		Nena Shipman, Joanne Huggler
<u>LITTLES' WORSHIP CENTER LEADERS</u>		Jesse and Jessica O'Neil
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Sue Moggie, 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 28, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

June 29, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.
June 29, 2025 - 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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. 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 “Lift High the Cross” (Red) #660

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.

Worship on the Beach. We will celebrate 4 times this summer at our beach property. The final Saturday of each month (June 28, July 26, August 30 and September 27) 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 p.m. We will carpool from the church and travel to the beach property at 6:30 p.m. The service and time of fellowship will last from 7:00-9:00 p.m. If there is rain, we will reschedule.

The Foster Closet is having photo shoot opportunities in July. To get your spot scheduled please call Amy DeRosa by June 30th, at 989-464-1451. Thank you.

Anyone wanting to help decorate the float for the 4th of July parade, we will be having workdays on Monday and Tuesday, June 30th & July 1st, at 3:00 p.m. Please come join us. Also, if you would like to participate in the parade, please be at the church by 8:00 a.m. on July 4th. If you have questions please call Rob Elder at 734-748-4142. **We are looking for hard candy donations** (chocolates, caramel etc. melt quickly in the heat!), small waters, or freeze pops for the July 4th parade. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please drop off at the church. Thanks! *We will be assembling candy bags on Monday, June 30th at 10:00 a.m. Join us.*

Please note: The church office will be closed on Friday, July 4th.

“Splash into God’s Word” VBS Program will be at the Starlight Beach Pavillion Tuesday – Thursday, July 29th – 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This year’s Theme is “What to do in a Drought.” We will be exploring Elijah, Joseph, and Jesus who all went through desert/drought experiences. There will be a Work Day, Monday, June 30th at 5:30 p.m.

The Forget-Me-Nots will meet for a picnic lunch and conversation on Tuesday, July 8 at noon at the church picnic grounds, weather permitting. Please bring your lunch and a beverage. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, call Ann at (989) 590-2055.

Are you ready for some fresh grilled hotdogs and hamburgers? Meet us at the Picnic Grounds on Sunday, July 13, beginning at noon until ????. The Adventure Club will provide meat, grill masters and drinks. If you wish, bring a dish to pass, swimsuit, lawn chair and your enthusiasm as we swim, play volleyball and relax in God’s creation with God’s people.

We are looking for additional volunteers to host a fellowship time. If you would like to serve in this way, or have any questions please contact Janice Boboltz at 989-356-4834. Thank you.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: <i>JUNE 29—JULY 6, 2025</i>	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship– 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church - 10:30 a.m.; Scouting America Breakfast – 8:00-12:00; Fireside Chats (1921 Long Rapids Road) – 5:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Float Candy Assembly – 10:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Float Decorating – 3:00 p.m.; E.T.A. Group – 5:30 p.m.; VBS Work-Day – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Float Decorating – 3:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts –5:30 p.m.; Scouting America – 6:30 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 8:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles – 7:30 a.m.; Prayer Shawl – 10:30 a.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	3M Men’s Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.; Open Line Dance – 1:00 p.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Singles – 5:30 p.m.; Yoga 101 – 5:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Church Office Closed – July 4 th ; Parade – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:	Joan Smolinski – knee surgery	Debra Gapske – health issues
Dave Szejbach – medical concern	Jeanne Phillips – health issues	Steve Plowman-recovery
Kathy Panich – unspecified	Sarah Henry – heart surgery	Carol – health issues
Shelly Hoffmeyer– shoulder replace.	Jay Robarge – health concerns	Tony Sigmon—illness
Mark Christou – health issues	David McNeil – health issues	Kevin Langerfield—illness
Malary Smith - unspecified	Adam Schmidt- health issues	Marian Dove–unspecified
Laura Kieliszewski – health issues	Jan Plamondon – grief	David Reeves – health issues
Lisa Cook – surgery	Ann Martin – medical issues	Tom D. – health issues
Sara Tracey – medical issues	Justin Dziesinski - health issues	John Wegmeyer– health issues
Dena Stevens – health issues	Annette Wade – medical issues	Laura Cussen – stroke
Karen Wallace – unspecified need	Joel Foster – health concerns	Cruz – health issues
Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	Art Hoffmeyer - heart issues	Billiejo Foster – health issues
<i>(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. Thank you.)</i>		

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Kyle Duff.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Ray of Sonshine Ministry.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>END OF MAY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (06/21) 5:30 p.m. 58	Income 34,327.00	141,213.07
Sunday (06/22) 9:00 a.m. 52	<u>Expenses</u> 32,230.47	<u>151,179.14</u>
10:30 a.m. <u>40</u>	Difference 2,096.53	(9,966.07)
Total 150		

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in memory of Chuck Geisbuhler from Marie and Rudy.

ADDITIONAL FLOWERS are given in honor of Mollie Skiba on her birthday from Mariette Seguin.

Scouting America are having a Breakfast on Sunday morning, June 29th, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. It will be a free will offering and it will go to support our Scouting program here in Alpena. Come down and join us.

The Soul Sisters have started kayaking. We meet at Duck Park at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month this summer. So, for July, we will meet on the 8th and the 22nd. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call Sue Robb at 989-590-7611.

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a fireside chat on Sunday, June 29th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will sit by the firepit near 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.

Reminder: Next Sunday is Popcorn/Movie Day for Children’s Church! Adults can sneak some too.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)
FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.” “Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?” ²¹ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

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

PSALM: Psalm 16 (Read Responsively)
Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”
I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”
Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.
Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.
I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, **because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.**
You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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 -
Hal - le - lu - jah.

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: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

(Red) #324

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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“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

“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.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

⁵⁹ He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

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

Children’s Message/Noisy Offering

“Jesus Loves Me”
Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong
Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so

(Please be seated)
SERMON

“Resolute”

Rev. John Shipman

(Please stand)
HYMN OF THE DAY

“Faith of Our Fathers”

(Red) #812

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 of grace,

hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

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

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

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