

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.

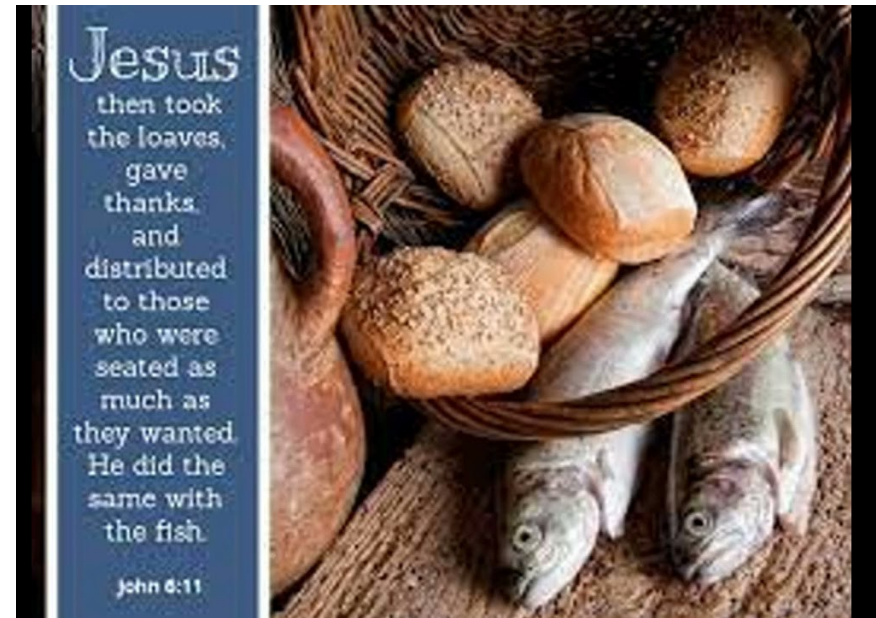
PARTICIPANTS

<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.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Cheri Fletcher
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m.	Lauren, Emma, and Ophelia
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Bruce Anschuetz
	9:00 am.	Ryan Panknin, Roy Wekwert Jesse and Jessica O’Neil
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Carol Kindt and Marty Cantleberry

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:
Worship Ministry



July 27, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
July 28, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
July 28, 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 “Just As I Am, without One Plea” (Red) #592

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.

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

On Wednesday, July 31st all women of St. Paul are invited to a Garden Walk. It will start at Donna Kensa’s home at 3385 M-32, Alpena at 2:30 p.m. Next stop is Susan Keyes’ home at 2408 Timber Lane, Alpena at 3:45 p.m. The last stop will be at Nancy Smithem’s home, 121 N. Sheridan (off 3rd Street) at 5:00 p.m. If you choose to stay and eat, please bring a snack or an hors d’oeuvre. Nancy will provide lemonade and iced tea. Don’t forget to bring your swimsuit and a towel, if you plan to swim. We hope to see you at this fun event!

Worship on the Beach. We will celebrate 3 more times this summer at our beach property. The final Saturday of each month (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 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.

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a fireside chat on July 28th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. 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.

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

The Forget-Me-Nots will gather at the church picnic grounds at noon on Tuesday, August 6th. Please bring your lunch and a beverage. We hope to see you there!

There will be a FUN RUN benefit for Options Pregnancy Center and The Baby Pantry on Saturday, August 10. It will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Bayview Park Band Shell. The suggested donation is \$20. Scan the QR codes on the posters, or in the July newsletter to donate. Help us raise \$10K! Responsibility for participation and donation is directed to individual participants. There is a Cornhole competition for the non-walkers.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 28—AUGUST 4, 2024	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; Highway Pick-Up – 12:00 p.m.; Fireside Chats (1921 Long Rapids Road) – 5:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Vacation Bible School (Starlite Beach) – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 8:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles <i>Women’s Breakfast</i> (at JJ’s)–7:30 a.m.; Garden Walk (beginning at Donna Kensa’s house) –2:30 p.m.; Vacation Bible School (Starlite Beach)–6:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Breakfast (JJ’s)– 7:00 a.m.; Gentle Yoga – 1:30 p.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; VBS – 6:00 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>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Ch. - 10:30

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Pam Laity – health issues	Bill Woodward – health issues
Colton Henning -medical issues	Annette Wade – medical issues
Laura Kieliszewski – health	Joel Foster – health concerns
Scott Brooks – health issues	John Wegmeyer – health issues
Adam Schmidt – health issues	Harvey & Debbie Atkinson– health
Marian Dove–unspecified need	Phyllis Robb-unspecified need
Karen Wallace – unspecified need	Dixie Creiver – health issues
David Reeves – health issues	Dena Stevens – health issues
Dale Zielaskowski - health issues	Chris Kowalski – health need

We also remember our homebound members. They are: Harriett Kelm, Dixie Weiler, Geraldine Wyman, Harriet Burke, Virginia Kraft, Phyllis Robb, and Norm Dutcher.

(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: Faith Lutheran Church, Sidney, Deacon Deno Sorrels

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Worship Committee.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in loving memory of my husband, Red Crittenden, from Barb Crittenden.

ADDITIONAL FLOWERS are given in memory of Fritz’s birthday from Janet and family.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF MAY</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (07/20)	5:30 p.m.	53	Income	23,960.84	130,219.57
Sunday (07/21)	9:00 a.m.	50	Expenses	27,153.87	147,201.17
	10:30 a.m.	<u>57</u>	Difference	(3,193.03)	(16,981.60)
Total		160			

VBS - Calling all Saints at Saint Paul save the dates for this summer’s Splash Into God’s Word Party at the Starlite Beach Pavilion on Tuesday – Thursday, July 30 thru August 1st from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Plan now to come join us.

SALT (Sisters Abiding in Light and Truth) meet the 3rd Sunday of each month. Our next outing will be on August 18th for Putt-Putt Golf. This is for younger women who are 18 - 45. Be in prayer for this younger women’s group.

We will resume the ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY program with a kick off of our MDOT clean up on Sunday, July 28th. Please save the date for our next pick-up as well, which will be on Sunday, September 22nd. We will meet at our church to view the video prior to venturing out for the clean up at our location on M-32. Hope you can be there to help with this project! All are welcome!!!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat.’ ⁴³ But his servant said, ‘How can I set this before a hundred people?’ So he repeated, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, “They shall eat and have some left.”’ ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

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

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18 (Read Responsively)

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,** to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

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.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21 (Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. 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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 6:1-21

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of

Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

(Red) #547

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.

them to get a little.’⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him,⁹ ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’¹⁰ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake,¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.¹⁸ The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing.¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.²⁰ But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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

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(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Controlling God”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

(Red) #515

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 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 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

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

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"