

### 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.

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### 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.	Phil Wickstrom
	9:00 a.m.	Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m.	Justin & Ashley MacKay
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Bruce Anschuetz
	9:00 a.m.	Jesse O’Neil, Kathy Burton
		Nancy Smithem, Owen Werth
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Odessa Morrison
	9:00 a.m.	Harley Steinke
<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*

Are not five sparrows sold  
for two pennies?  
And not one of them is forgotten  
before God.  
Why, even the hairs of your  
head are all numbered.  
Fear not;  
you are of more value than  
many sparrows.

Luke 12:6-7 ESV



**June 24, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**June 25, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 24, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**June 25, 2023 - 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, 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**      “How Firm a Foundation”      (Red) #796

**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. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house for a Fireside Chat** in June on the 25th from 4:00-7:00. 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). Hot dogs, brats, potato salad, veggie tray, water and soda provided. If you desire, bring a side dish or additional drinks. Come join us when you can.

**Our June Service Activity is Alpena Baby Pantry.** The items needed are: diapers – all sizes, baby wipes, formula – all types, baby food, bath supplies, clothes – preemie to 4T, and bedding. Please leave your donation items on the altar. Thank you for your generosity.

**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. **On Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. we will be wrapping candy, freezer pops and water.** Come join us if you can. 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.

**We would like to thank the people of St. Paul** and Pastor John for all the visits, food, cards, and prayers for us. It helps us get through the days. We greatly appreciate them. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you all. *Bodo & Geri Hanson*

**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: JUNE 25—JULY 2, 2023	
SUN.	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 ; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church and C.I.A. (Youth) - 10:30 a.m.; Fireside Chats (at Pastor John’s home) – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
MON.	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.
TUES.	Parade Candy Wrapping—10:00; Air Rifle– 5:30; Soul Sister’s Kayaking– 5:30; Boy Scouts– 6:30
WED.	Women’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:30 a.m.; Daniel Bible Study (Pastor John) – 1:00 & 5:30 p.m.; “I’m Waiting God” Bible Study (Nena) – 5:30 p.m.
THURS.	Men’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:00; Chair Yoga – 3:00; Air Rifle Team–5:30; Recovery Yoga – 5:30
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 – 10:30 a.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** 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. We also remember our home-bound members. They are: 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: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Edmore, Rev. John Autio

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Eucharistic Ministers.

**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 (06/17)	5:30 p.m.	54	Income	25,356.51	98,273.31
Sunday ( 06/18)	9:00 a.m.	64	Expenses	<u>23,113.99</u>	<u>116,902.33</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>28</u>	Difference	2,242.52	(18,629.02)
Total		146			

**Empty grocery bags are needed.** Please drop them at the church office. Thank you.

**The Soul Sisters have Kayaking Adventures planned** on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday now through September, weather permitting. So, the next adventure is June 27<sup>th</sup>. For locations, borrowing kayaks, or questions please call Sue Robb, 989-354-8673.

**The Soul Sisters are meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>,** 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. Come and enjoy this relaxing evening of beauty, fellowship, and fun. **The Forget-Me-Nots** are also invited to this special event. Please meet at the church to carpool at 3:00 p.m.

**Worship on the Beach.** We will celebrate the final Saturday of each month (June 24, 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.

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup> O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, “I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup> But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18 (Read Responsively)**

It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face. **I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother’s children.** It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me. **When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.** Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. **Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.** Draw near to me; redeem me; set me free because of my enemies.

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11 (Sunday 9:00 a.m.)**

<sup>1:b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also

live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

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.

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

**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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(Red) #733

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to 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**

**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: Matthew 10:24-39**

<sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Rooftop Proclamations”

Rev John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

(Red) #810

**Dedication of Sanctuary**

**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)*

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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.

*(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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:

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord  
 EUCHARISTIC 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"