

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.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Gail Atkins
	9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce, Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Laurie Stafford
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Bruce Anschuetz
	9:00 a.m.	Cathy Kieliszewski, Kathy Burton Paul Kieliszewski, Barb Szczesniak
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan Peterson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Patti Byce 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



September 17, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
September 18, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
September 18, 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “Gather Us In” (Red) #532

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.

A Women’s Breakfast started last Wednesday meeting at JJ’s at 7:30 a.m. We will continue meeting weekly. This is open to all women. Remember, the 1st time you come, breakfast is free!

The Safe Talk training will take place on September 24th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. The class should take about 3 ½ hours for the presentations concerning suicide intervention. The participants will need to preregister via Eventbrite. People in attendance must be at least 15 years old (15-17 year old must have parental approval). There will be availability for more people. Contact the office if you are interested.

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a Fireside Chat on September 25 from 5:00-7:00. 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. This is a gift from Nena and I so nothing is required to be part of this experience.

The N/W Lower MI WELCA Synod Mini Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 24, at Immanuel Lutheran Church located at 727 Fuller Ave., Big Rapids, Michigan. The cost is \$10 payable at the door. Please RSVP to Ann Rundhaug at 231-938-1607 or prund@freeway.net.

Join us for our Autumn Educational Opportunities, which run September 21 through October 28. Pastor John will hold a Bible Study on Matthew and Miss Nena will lead a Book Study on “Fearless, Ordinary Women of the Bible who dared to do Extraordinary Things,” by Angela Donadio. Each class length will be 1 hour. Pastor John’s Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 and 5:30 PM and Miss Nena’s class will also meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Please call the office so we know how to plan/books to order.

The Forget-Me-Knots will next meet for lunch on Tuesday, October 4 at noon at JJ’s. Please call Ann Hardesty (989-590-2055) before Friday, September 30 so that I can give JJ’s an accurate count of how many will be attending. Thank you. We hope to see you there!

God has blessed some of us with companions that cannot speak, and yet they love and offer us comfort. **Pastor John will offer a blessing on your pet from 10:00-12:00 on Saturday, October 1st** at the church building. You do not need to be a member of the church in order to take part in this blessing event.

We received the \$5000.00 toward the matching funds stained-glass windows challenge! We now have \$29,000 toward the \$132,000 needed. Prayerfully consider giving toward this project.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 18 –25, 2022	
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00 a.m.; Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; Adventure Club at Dinosaur Gardens – 1:00 p.m. (meet at the church at 12:30 to carpool)
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Ray of Sonshine – 5:00; Senior Leaders – 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Gnomes – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Women’s Breakfast–7:30 a.m.; Matthew Bible Study - 1:00 & 5:30 p.m.; Fearless Book Study – 5:30 p.m.; Choir Practice – 6:00
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s)–7:00; Stitched Together–11:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00; Yoga – 5:30; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; Harvest Dinner – Continuous Serving – 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 4:30 p.m.)
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Tech Talks – 3:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Safe Talk – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.; Worship on the Beach – 7:00 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00 a.m.; Fellowship–10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; C.I.A. (Youth Group) – 10:30; Fireside Chats – 5:00 p.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: James Majewski, Jerry Swanson, Alvin Sharp, Annette Wade, Zay, Shirley Jones, Sandra Christopherson, Lisa Hilberg, Larkin Kerby, George & Dena Stevens, Harrison Hoppe, Susan Kaiser, William Taylor, John Wegmeyer, Eleanor Sumerix, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Meredith (Colby) Smith, Peter Roznowski, Dorothy LaFleche, Sally Barney, Hattie Shepler, Lori Ludwig, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Bodo Hanson, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Audrey Reck, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. *(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, Saginaw, Supply Pastors

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

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

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Don Kirschner who joined our Lord in eternity September 11th, 2022. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on October 11th at 11:00 a.m.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF JUNE</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (09/10) 5:30 p.m.	56	Income 28,881.40	158,352.75
Sunday (09/11) 9:00 a.m.	56	Expenses <u>27,763.66</u>	<u>160,330.90</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>25</u>	Difference 1,117.74	(-1,978.15)
Total	137		

Attention all Singers! At long last we started choir again. If you like to sing, please consider joining us on Wednesdays from 6:00- 7:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Marty Cantleberry at 989-354-5504.

The Harvest Dinner is this Thursday, September 22nd. Plan now to attend this event and enjoy great fellowship and a delicious meal, serving continuously from 5–7 p.m. Tickets are on sale after services and at the church office.

Worship on the Beach the last time this season - September 24 at 7:00 P.M. This service will proclaim the gospel and celebrate the promises of God outdoors. 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.

The Adventure Club will meet on Sunday September 18th from 1:00 -3:00 PM at Dinosaur Gardens in Ossineke. Meet at the church at 12:30 PM to carpool. Bring your spirit of adventure and hope as you explore and share your faith through fun and adventure within this intergenerational educational experience. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1 - 105 years old. **Also,** The Adventure Club needs pumpkins for their October 16th outing. Please call the office if you have some to donate.

Council packets have been sent out electronically. Printed copies will be available Tuesday’s meeting.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

PSALM: Psalm 113 (Read Responsively)

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

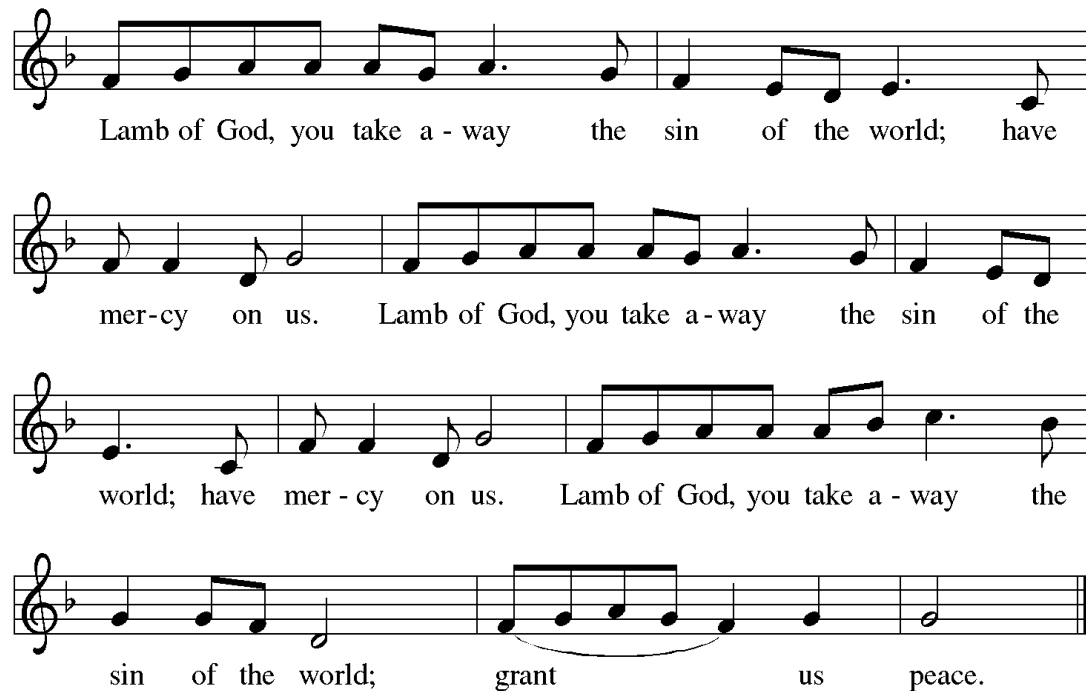
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord. **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

“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.

oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“True Riches”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

(Red) #655

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **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.

(Pleased be seated)

HOLY COMMUNION

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"Lamb of God"