

### 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>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Scott Parkham
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m.	Janice Boboltz
<u>HEAD USHER</u>		Roy Wekwert
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	John and Linda Snyder
	9:00 a.m.	Owen Werth, Jeff Ciupka
		Tim Moggie, Ryan Panknin
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS</u>		Jesse & Jessica O'Neil, Bonnie Duby
<u>LITTLES' WORSHIP CENTER LEADERS</u>		Joanne Huggler, Rita Chase
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Sue Moggie, Karen Wekwert, Shirley Kowalski, Jessica O'Neil

*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 27, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**

**June 28, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 27, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**June 28, 2026 - 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**

**Scholarship Presentations**

*(Please Stand)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,  
**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**                      “All Are Welcome”                      (Red) #641

**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.**

**Mike and Dawn Yakes** have volunteered to take the lead on our church float for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. **We are looking for hard candy donations** (chocolates, caramel etc. melt quickly in the heat!), small waters, or freeze pops for the parade. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Drop off at the church. A float work-bee will be held on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. A second work-bee will be held on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> after 5:00 p.m. (location tbd), and we will finalize Saturday morning at the fairgrounds. Come and join us. Questions? Call 810-908-1709.

**Life Line Screening**, the nation’s leading provider of preventive health screenings will offer non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call 1-800-324-9458 to register or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA.

**Are you ready for some fresh grilled hotdogs and hamburgers?** Meet us at the Picnic Grounds on Sunday, July 12, 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.

**“Tidal Wave of Love”** Summer Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the evenings of July 28 – 30, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. We will meet at the Starlite Beach Splash Park in Alpena for tons of fun and sharing God’s love with others. Please come join us and think of little ones you would like to invite.

**If you would like to make further donations to the Cancer Center**, for patients undergoing treatment we are needing packaged nuts, crackers with peanut butter or cheese, rice crispy treats, candy bars, Jolly Rancher hard candies, oatmeal packets, pudding snacks. Please drop them off at Miss Linda’s office.

**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.

**If you are interested in becoming a new member**, please call the church office at 989-356-1658.

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE: JUNE 28 – JULY 5, 2026</b>	
<b>SUN.</b>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service/Children’s Church/C.I.A. (Youth) - 10:30 a.m.; Float Work-bee— 12:00— 2:00 p.m.
<b>MON.</b>	Line Dancing - 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. Group - 5:30 p.m.
<b>TUES.</b>	Recovery Yoga – 5:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Scouting America – 6:30 p.m.
<b>WED.</b>	Breakfast Belles – 7:30 a.m.; Stephen Ministry Training—4:30 p.m.; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m.
<b>THURS.</b>	3M Men’s Breakfast (JJs) - 7:00 a.m.; Prayer Shawl – 10:30 a.m.; Open Line Dance – 1:00 p.m.; Singles (19 <sup>th</sup> Hole) – 5:30 p.m.; Float Work-bee
<b>FRI.</b>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
<b>SAT.</b>	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade (Downtown) – 11:00 a.m.; Fellowship –4:30 p.m.; Worship Service/HC–5:30 p.m.
<b>SUN.</b>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service/Children’s Church/C.I.A. (Youth) - 10:30 a.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Dorothy Carr – health issues	Lee Szczesniak–medical issues
Alan Courtney – health issues	David McNeil–health issues
Chad Hamill – health issues	Shelly Hoffmeyer – recovery
Nancy St. Onge – health issues	Lee Werth—health issues
Travis Schmidt – health issue	John Wegmeyer– health issues
Dixie Crevier – health issues	Lisa Dzieszinski-health issue
Kevin Reiser – health issues	Joel Foster – health issues
Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	Malary Smith – unspecified
Ann Martin – medical issues	

*We also remember our homebound member, Phyllis Robb. (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. Thanks.)*

**We remember our prayer partners** in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Spruce Lutheran Church, Spruce, Rev. Leslie Nye

**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 APRIL</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday 06/20 5:30 a.m. 54	Income 24,273.97	104,903.09
Sunday 06/21 9:00 a.m. 63	Transferred/G & M 10,000.00	
10:30 a.m. 33	<u>Expenses 27,918.08</u>	<u>130,423.82</u>
Total 150	Difference 6,355.89	(25,520.73)

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

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

**Our June Service Activity is Alpena Baby Pantry.** Items Needed: Diapers - all sizes, baby wipes, formula-all types, baby food, cereal, juice, clothes - newborn to 4T, and bedding. Please leave your donation items on the altar and thank you so much for your generosity.

**The Soul Sisters are kayaking** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of every month this summer. So, for July they will meet next on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sytek Park. If you have any questions, call Sue at 989-354-8673.

**The Singles** will be meeting this Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole at 5:30 p.m. Please, come join us!

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

<sup>5</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, ‘Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.’

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

**PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 (Read Responsively)**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

You said, ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: **“I will establish your descendants for ever, and build your throne for all generations.”**’

Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

**they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness.**

For you are the glory of their strength; by your favour our horn is exalted.

**For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23(Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of

sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted,<sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.<sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

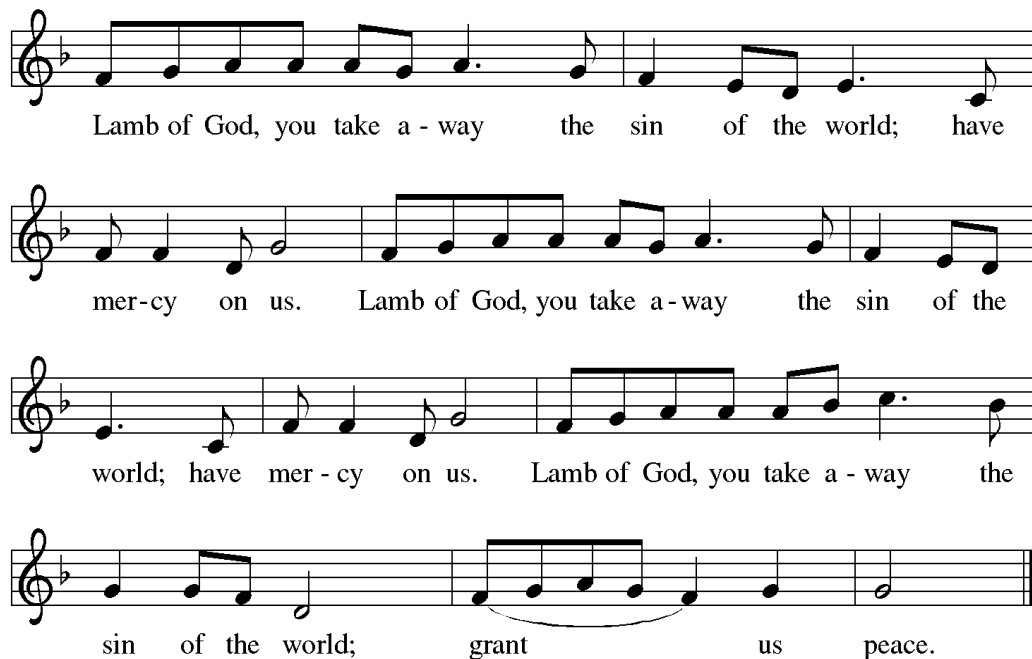
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**DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**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.

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

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:40—42

<sup>40</sup> ‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Children’s Message

“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

“A Cup of Cold Water”

Pastor Rosie Gibson

*(Please stand)*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”

(Red) #651

### 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

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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.

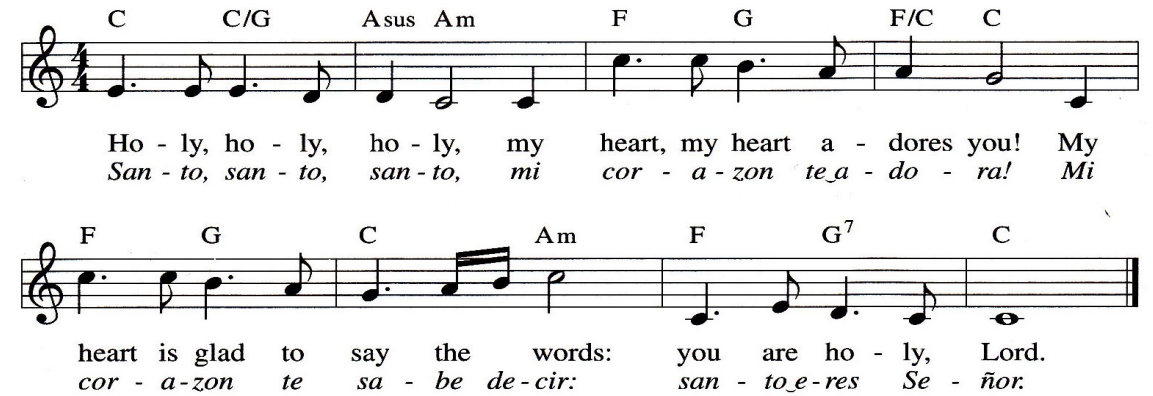
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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



C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C

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

F G C Am F G<sup>7</sup> C

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 in the middle circle for those who prefer it. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

"Lamb of God"