

### 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.

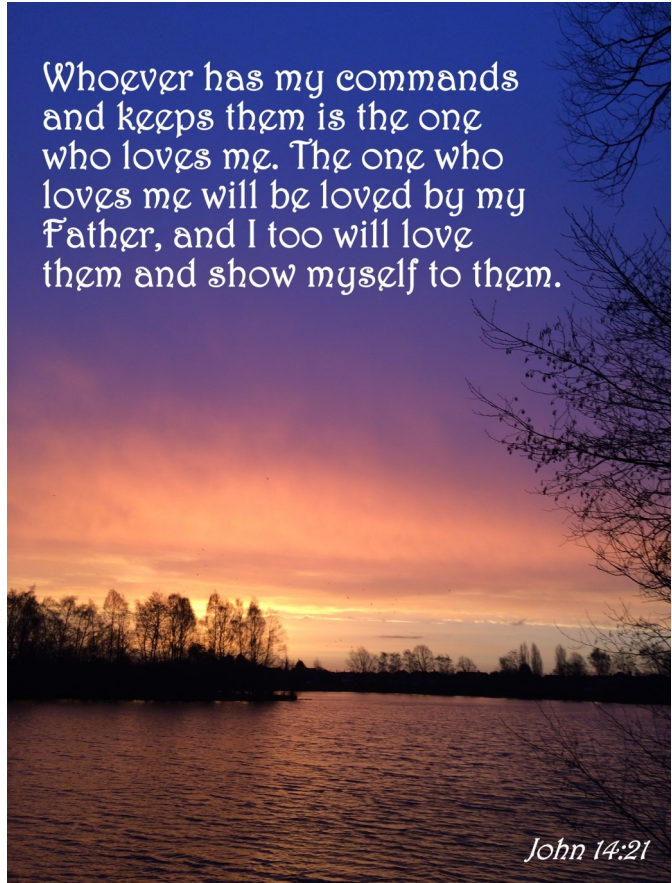
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### PARTICIPANTS

<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.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Richard Miller
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Barb Crittenden, Geri Hanson
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler, Nancy Clark
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Bruce Anschuetz
	9:00 a.m.	Jeff Ciupka, Cathy Kieliszewski Nancy St. Onge, Richard Miller
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	5:30 p.m.	Odessa Morrison
	9:00 a.m.	Harley Steinke
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cantleberry, Pat Cornelius, Carol Kindt

*We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.*

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*



**May 13, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**May 14, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.**

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

May 14, 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, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

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** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Red) #631

**Pastor John will have a “Blessing of Marriages,” this weekend, May 13th and 14<sup>th</sup>.** Each couple who wishes to participate will honor their spouse with words of renewal (*the words will be given to you*). Please come and celebrate the gift of marriage and welcome God’s blessings of your union.

**First Communion Sunday will take place on the 21st of May.** If you have a child you would like to participate in the Eucharist, please contact the office. There is a class associated with this blessed event.

**The Forget-Me-Nots will attend the Alpena Civic Theatre production of Little Women on Sunday, May 21** at 2:00 pm. The price of a ticket is \$15. Please call Ann Hardesty (989-590-2055) before Thursday, May 18th, if you would like to join us. I will pick up the tickets that have been paid for on that date. **Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6.** We will gather at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds at noon, weather permitting. Please bring your picnic lunch and a beverage. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the church. We hope you can join us for these events.

**Dust off your kayaks** and join us for the first Soul Sisters Kayaking Adventure on Tuesday May 30, 5:30 pm at Duck Park. Group will meet the 2nd, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5th Tuesdays through September.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Garage Sale on June 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.** Please set aside your items for this upcoming sale. This year we are going to accept clean used clothing and shoes. You may start dropping off your things at the church on May 22. We need help with the garage sale and people to pick items up. To volunteer please contact Andrea Dutcher at 354-3651.

**Our May Service Activity is Hope Shores Alliance.** The items needed are: Matching shampoo and conditioner, matching body wash and lotion, razors, tampons, hairbrushes and combs, nail files, nail clippers, chap stick, hair ties, baby monitors, notebooks, folders, calendars/planners/appointment books, basic household items - i.e. kitchen items, dishes, and bedding items. They also need gift cards for food, groceries, gas, etc. Please leave your donation items on the altar. Thank you for your generosity.

**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: MAY 14 – 21, 2023	
<u>SUN.</u>	Mother’s Day Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m. ( <i>Blessing of Marriages</i> ); Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service/Children’s Church and C.I.A. (Youth) - 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Newsletter Deadline; Tech Talks – 11:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; ETA – 5:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Air Rifle – 5:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Women’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:30 a.m.; Choir – 5:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Breakfast (at JJ’s) – 7:00; Chair Yoga – 3:00; Air Rifle Team – 5:30 p.m.; Recovery Yoga – 5:30
<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>	Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church - 10:30 a.m.; Highway Pick-Up – 12:00 p.m.; Forget-Me-Nots to Alpena Civic Theatre - 2:00

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Sue Keyes, Bob Laity, Beth Moore, Deb Dewar, Tyler Kerby, Calvin Urban, Steve Gould, David Reeves, John Wegmeyer, Sandy Wozniak, Annette Wade, Evelyn Green, Sam Weis, Tom Christou, Geri Hanson, William Taylor, Kaye Remboski, 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. *(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: Zion Lutheran Church, Comstock Park, Rev. Julie Schneider-Thomas.

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Spur of the Moment ministry.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given as a Happy Mother’s Day, Grandma Bunny! Love, Connie and Pat.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF MARCH</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (05/06)	5:30 p.m.	65	Income	26,257.92	72,916.80
Sunday ( 05/07)	9:00 a.m.	63	Expenses	<u>35,868.12</u>	<u>93,788.34</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>26</u>	Difference	(9,610.20)	(20,871.54)
Total		154			

**We welcome into the Kingdom of God** through the sacrament of Holy Baptism (Sat. 5:30 p.m.) **Kennedy Shaelynn Timm**, daughter of Samantha Straley and Justin Timm. Her sponsors are Janell Domke and Morgan Hale. We also welcome **Lucas Shawn Austin Hale**, son of Morgan and Ryley Hale. His sponsors are Lance and Heather Senske.

**We welcome into the Kingdom of God** through the sacrament of Holy Baptism (Sat. 5:30 p.m.) **Amelia Esther Paulsell**, daughter of Michael and Ashley Paulsell. Her sponsors are Erik and Jessica Frantz. We also welcome **Everett Royal Paulsell**. His sponsors are Ron and Cindy Paulsell.

**We will resume the ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY program** with a kick off of our MDOT clean up on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. 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!!!

**Please Note!** The Sanctuary carpet project began on April 24<sup>th</sup>. So, until further notice services will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room. **Fellowship** on Saturday night and between services on Sunday will be in the dining room until the carpet project is finished.

**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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20 (Read Responsively)**

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, **who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.** For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. **You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;** you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

**I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,**  
those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
**I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice  
of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**  
Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.  
**I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**  
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.  
**But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer.**  
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from  
me.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22 (Sunday 9:00 a.m.)**

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do  
suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not  
be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make  
your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in  
you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when  
you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to  
shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will,  
than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the right-  
eous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh  
but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the  
spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in  
the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives,  
were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not  
as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience,  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right  
hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

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: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and  
this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

(Red) #840

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

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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”

**C** 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.

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

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

**GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

*(Please be seated)*  
SERMON

“Loves Revelation”

Rev John Shipman

(Please stand)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

(Red) #399

**Blessing of Relationships**

**Holy Baptism of Kennedy Timm, Lucas Hale, Amelia Paulsell and Everett Paulsell**

**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** Hear Us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

**OFFERING**

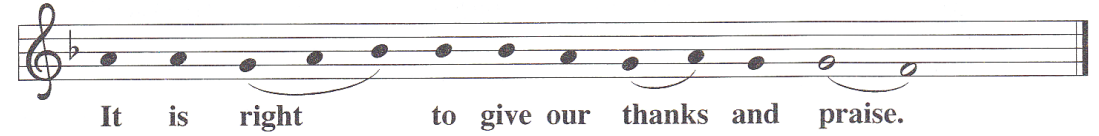
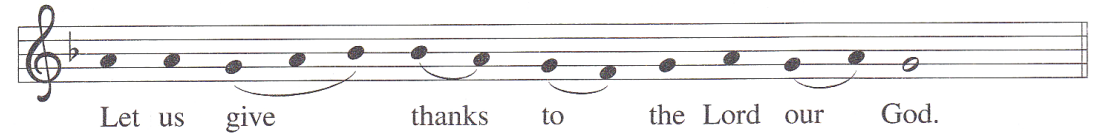
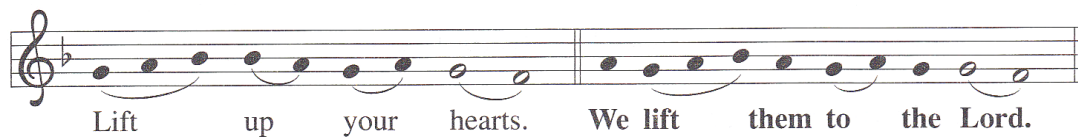
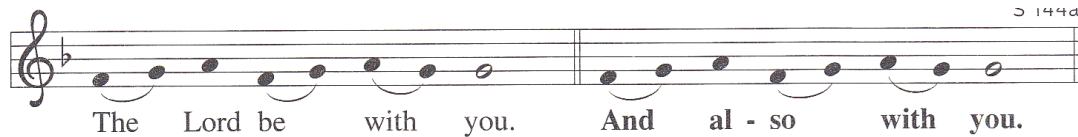
**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please stand)

(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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi



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**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.