

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.

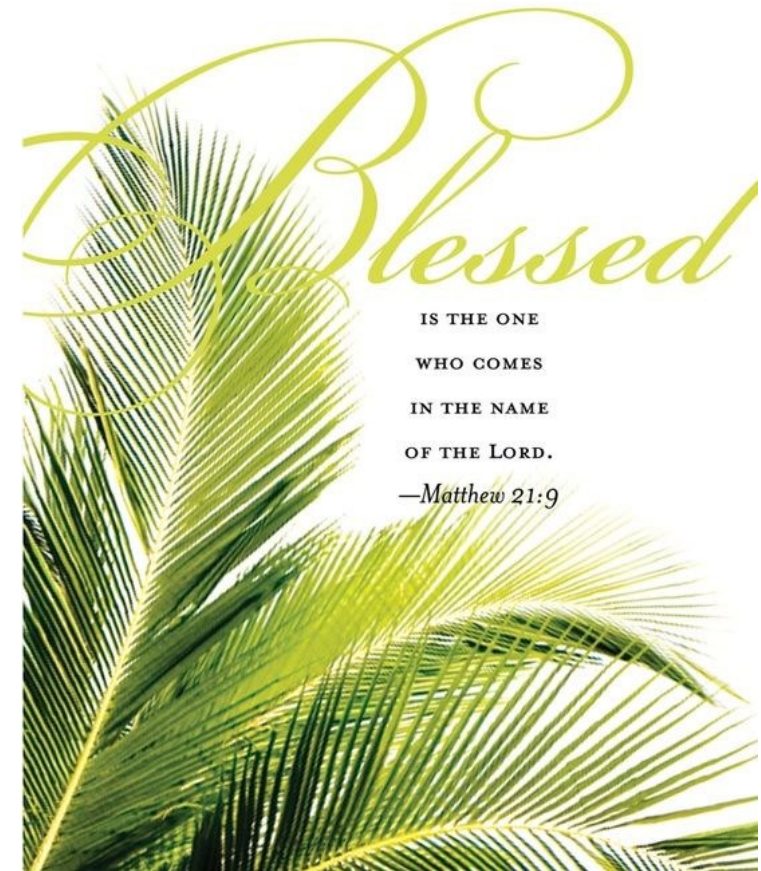
**St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table.** Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Barb Crittenden, Geri Hanson
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler, Pat Brodziak
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Cindy Tchorzynski
	9:00 am.	Dennis and Lori Dziesinski
		Ryan Panknin, Barb Szczesniak
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

*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*



**April 9, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**April 10, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

April 10, 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

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. 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**      “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”      (Red) #344

### 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.**

**We are looking for volunteers** to help set up and clean up, for the Maundy Thursday evening meal at 6:00 pm on April 14th. Please call the church if you would like to serve in one of these ways. Thank you.

**The Crafters will be hosting a Bake Sale on Easter Sunday, between the Easter Services.** Come check out the cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, cupcakes, sweet breads, and other choices for your Easter Sunday festivities. All proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of fruit, vegetables, and canning supplies for the Christmas Bazaar. If you have any questions call Lori Ludwig at 356-4753.

**Join us for the Holy Week Services.** They are as follows: Palm Sunday we will have our three regular week-end services; Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00, preceded by a Soup Supper at 6:00; Good Friday Services, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Tre-Ore Service (sponsored by 1st Presbyterian) from 12:00-3:00, evening service at 6:00 (at St. Paul), followed by the movie “The Passion” at 7:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have three services: A Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., Liturgical Service at 9:00 a.m. and Contemporary Service at 10:30 a.m.

**We are looking for** a cross-bearer and an additional acolyte for the 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service. If you would like to volunteer for either of these positions, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you.

**Please note:** The church office will close at 11:00 a.m. on Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, and will be closed all day on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Garage Sale in June.** Please set aside your items for this upcoming sale. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea at 354-3651. You may start dropping off items in May.

**If you would like to represent the church at the Synod Assembly please talk with Pastor John.** The Synod Assembly will be held virtually on May 14<sup>th</sup>. You will also be required to attend a one-hour technology orientation session on either May 10, 11 or 12. You must be comfortable using computers, mobile, devise and learning/using applications and accessing information from websites.

**If you shop Amazon and would like to support St. Paul Lutheran Church** please go to the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1518943> Call the church office for more information, 356-1658.

#### WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 10—17, 2022

<u>SUN.</u>	Palm Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; Jr./Sr. High Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches – 9:30 a.m.; Stewardship Committee - 5:00 p.m.; Cub/Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Job Bible Study (Pastor John) – 1:00 p.m.; Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.; Me, Myself and Lies Book Study (Nena) – 6:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s) –7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga - 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; Maundy Thursday Supper - 6:00 p.m.; Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Church Office Closes at 11:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Community Tre-Ore Service – 12:00-3:00; Good Friday Service – 6:00 p.m.; “The Passion” Movie – 7:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	No Worship Service; The Adventure Club Easter Egg Hunt – 12:00 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Easter Worship/HC – 6:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.; 10:30; Easter Breakfast following the 6:30 a.m. worship service; Bake Sale between services

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Alan Kelsey, Deanna Spencer, Ann Hardesty, Karen Morton, Lexi Liske, Madelyn Mills, Geraldine Rhoads, Gary Rich, Laurie Stafford, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Don Kirschner, Bodo Hanson, Roy Sommerfeld, Melissa Smith, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Tim Grossman, 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: Trinity Lutheran Church, Millersburg, Rev. Mary Hughes.

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for those who lead and those who participate in the Bible/Book Studies.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF FEBRUARY</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (04/02)	5:30 p.m.	72	Income	33,177.49	53,621.70
Sunday (04/03)	9:00 a.m.	35	Expenses	<u>34,891.50</u>	<u>54,366.75</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>29</u>	Difference	(-1,714.01)	(-745.05)
	Total	136			

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Tony Kucharek, who joined our Lord in eternity March 28th, 2022.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Ruth Ohmart, who joined our Lord in eternity March 31st, 2022. Her funeral was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Friday, April 8th.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** are given in loving memory of our mother, Ada Precour, from Barbara Crittenden, and Geri and Bodo Hanson.

**The April Service Activity is Wilson Elementary School Clothing closet.** Items needed: Girl’s leggings size 6/8, 10/12, and 14/16; Boys sweatpants, size small – X-large. Unisex t-shirts, size small – X-large. Please place your items on the altar.

**On April 13th** Pastor John is holding a Book Study on Job at 1:00 p.m. Miss Nena is leading a Book Study on “Me, Myself, and Lies” by Jennifer Rothschild at 6:30 p.m. Please note: *Miss Nena’s class will meet on Wednesday instead of Thursday, as we will have Maundy Thursday services.*

**On April 16th the Adventure Club is having an Easter Egg Hunt** for our community within our building at 12:00 noon. We would love donations of time and candy. Plan now to attend and invite some friends.

**Our congregation’s snack donations for the Cancer Center were recently delivered.** The staff appreciated receiving these for cancer patients undergoing treatment. If you would like to make further donations of packaged nuts, crackers with peanut butter or cheese, rice crispy treats, candy bars, Jolly Rancher hard candies, oatmeal packets or pudding snacks, please drop them off at Miss Nena’s office.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

**PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16 (Read Responsively)**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

**For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.**

For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”**

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> **Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

“Return to the Lord”

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

**GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40**

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of

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: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

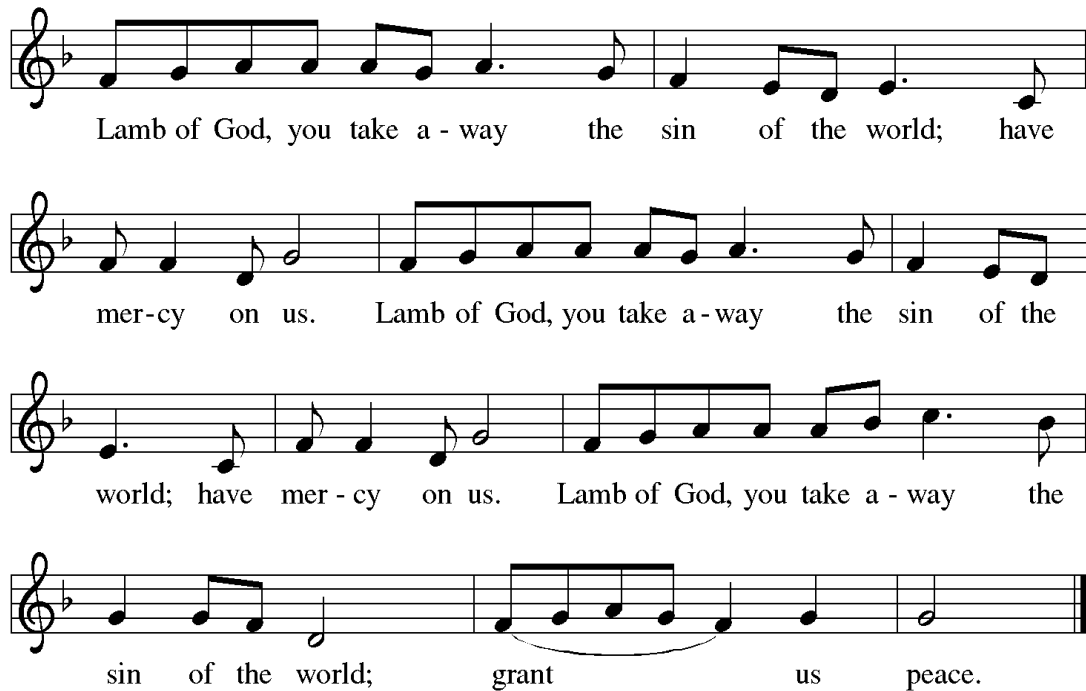
“Prepare the Royal Highway”

(Red) #264

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **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 - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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

*(Please be seated)*  
SERMON

“Shout Out”

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”

(Red) #346

**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**

Merciful God,  
receive 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. Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. **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.

## 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.**

*(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 for those who prefer it.

"Lamb of God"