

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>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>	Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m. Carol Kindt 9:00 a.m. Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m. Sue Keyes 9:00 a.m. Danielle McDonald
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Barb Crittenden, Geri Hanson 9:00 a.m. Joanne Huggler
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Bruce Anschuetz 9:00 a.m. Cathy Kieliszewski, Nancy St. Onge Jeff Ciupka, Richard Miller
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m. Evan Petterson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Marty Cantleberry, Pat Cornelius, 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



November 12, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
November 13, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.
November 13, 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 redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. 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 “How Firm a Foundation” (Red) #796

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.

Pastor John and Miss Nena have planned Advent Educational Opportunities, that will run November 30th -December 21st. Pastor John’s Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and 5:30 p.m. and Miss Nena’s class will also meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Pastor John will hold a Book Study on “To Know and Follow Jesus” by Thomas Hart and Miss Nena will lead a Book Study on “I Second that Emotion: Untangling Our Zany Feelings” by Patsy Clairmont. Please call the office so we know how to plan/books to order.

Pastor John is planning to assemble another Advent Devotional from the people of St. Paul. A devotional provides daily inspiration through this season of the year. Please write several paragraphs about someone who shined the light of hope into your life. Please give that devotional to Pastor John by November 15th. Thank you.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the donation of homemade or store-bought pies for the Thanks-giving Dinner at the Friendship Room. They need 12 pies, but if more are donated they will be welcomed for use with future meals. Pies should be dropped off at St. Paul by noon on Wednesday, November 23rd.

Pastor John and Miss Nena are inviting you to a Thanksgiving meal on the 24th of November. Please don’t spend the holiday alone. Join with us in this meal of thanksgiving. The event will begin at 1:00 PM and end at 3:30 PM. Come and enjoy some turkey, homemade rolls, pie and the rest of this splendid meal. If you would like to bring a family favorite dish to pass, please contact the church office.

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran wants to be part of this Bolenz Holiday Parade this year, which will be held on Friday, November 25, the day after Thanksgiving at 5:30 p.m. Call the church if you want to help.

This year we will have Advent Services on Wednesdays at 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 & 22. We will begin with a meal at noon and after we will have a short service at 12:25. Come and share this time of preparation.

Help is needed to decorate the church building for Christmas. We will meet on Monday, December 5th beginning at noon. Please call Donna Kensa or the office if you can help. *Thank you.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 13 - 20, 2022	
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00 Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church, C.I.A. –10:30; The Adventure Club (Skating at Northern Lights Arena) – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Tech Talks–11:00 a.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; Packing Military Boxes - 5:30
<u>TUES.</u>	Newsletter Deadline; Cub Scouts - 5:30 p.m.; Gnomes - 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts - 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Women’s Breakfast–7:30 a.m.; Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s)–7:00 a.m.; Dinner on a Doorknob – 9:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 6:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church– 10:30

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Cheryl Rosbeck, George Morley, Steve Zbytowski, Austin Scull, Peter Roznowski, Paula Baker, Lucille Hanna Withum, Philip Donakowski, June Sylvester, Aggie Woloszyk, Jerry Swanson, Annette Wade, Zay, Lisa Hilberg, Sandra Christopherson, Larkin Kerby, William Taylor, John Wegmeyer, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Sally Barney, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Bodo Hanson, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Audrey Reck, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, and Karen Wallace.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Saron Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, Rev. Joan Oleson.

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

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

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF SEPTEMBER</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (11/05)	5:30 p.m.	41	Income 20,953.89	227,822.56
Sunday (11/06)	9:00 a.m.	55	Expenses <u>26,261.59</u>	<u>238,059.13</u>
	10:30 a.m.	<u>23</u>	Difference (-5,307.70)	(-10,236.57)
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A Taste from Home will be sending packages to our members serving in the Military on November 14th at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to donate, or drop off non-perishable items, we will add them to the boxes. Also, soon we will have Christmas notecards for you to fill out. You may drop your written note in the box located in the Narthex. Please do not seal the envelope! Thank you.

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 Nena's office.

Our November Service Activity is Thunder Bay Jr. High. Items needed: Women's underwear (all sizes), men's underwear (all sizes), athletic socks for men and women (all sizes), black leggings (small/Med/Large/SL), winter hats and gloves in adult sizes. Please leave your items on the altar.

The Adventure Club will meet on Sunday November 13th from 1:00 -3:00 PM at the Northern Lights Arena. Bring your spirit of adventure and hope as you explore and share your faith through fun, exploration, and food within this intergenerational educational experience. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone!

The remaining items from the Christmas bazaar are in the dining room until the end of the month. Please check out the items that would make great Christmas gifts and check out the jams still looking for a good home. If you would like to pick up the items you brought, do so by the end of the month.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

PSALM: Psalm 98 (Read Responsively)

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

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

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them,

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: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

(Red) #820

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
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”

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.

“Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Faithful Endurance”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

(Red) #769

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

Lord, in your mercy,
 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. Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **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.

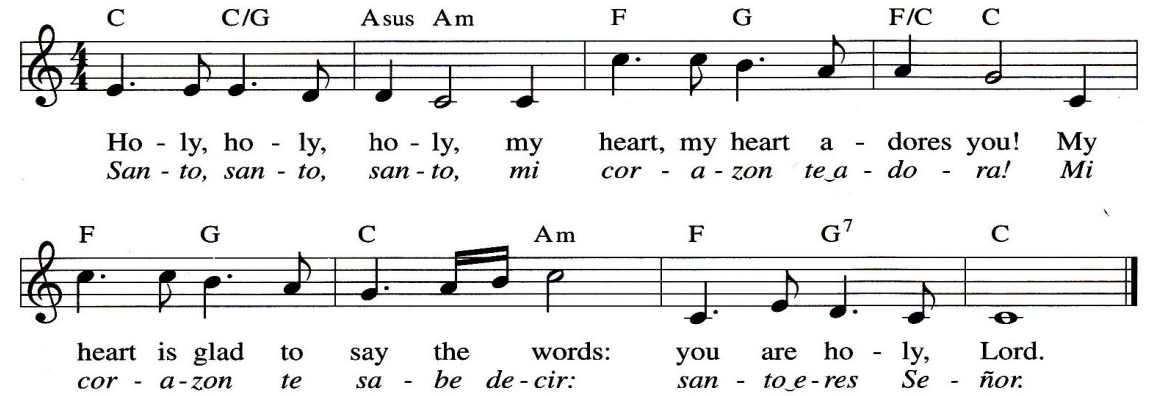
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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 - 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.

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 for those who prefer it.

"Lamb of God"