

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.

PARTICIPANTS

<u>MINISTERS</u>		The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>VICAR</u>		Troy Spencer
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cattleberry
<u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u>		David Reeves
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Vicar Troy Spencer
	9:00 a.m.	Danielle McDonald
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Vicar Troy Spencer
	9:00 a.m.	Mary Jo Beck
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Cindy Tchorzynski
	9:00 am.	Tim Moggie, Owen Werth
		Richard Miller, Mary Jo Beck
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan Peterson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cattleberry and Laurie Stafford

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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March 27, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

March 28, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

Our March Service Activity is ACES Academy. Items needed: 2 'n 1 shampoo, sports body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine products, toilet paper, Kleenex, and bar soap (Dove or Irish Spring). Please leave items on the altar.

Do you have bottles and cans that are piling up? The Scholarship Committee is collecting bottle returns for the Scholarship fund, if you have returns you can drop them off at the church. There is a janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre street side you can place them in there. We ask that you don't include water bottles or anything else that is not returnable. Thank you. *The Scholarship Committee.*

Worship has begun again in our building. Please wear a mask and remember that social distancing is in place. If you don't have a mask, we will provide one at the door. Be open to directions for your safety and the safety of others. Please no hand shaking or hugs and when communicating with others please remain at a safe distance. When sitting please listen to the usher's directions. Services will be different due to social distancing so please have an open mind/heart and rejoice that we are worshipping again.

150th Anniversary News!

- ◆ **We are putting together a photo album of St. Paul Confirmation Classes.** Seeking copies of any of the following years: Any year earlier than 1921, 1921-26, 28-31, 33-34, 36, 39-41, 43, 46, 62, 65-68, 70-72, 74-76, 78, 89, 2001, 2003-2009, 2011-to date. If you have one of the year's mentioned, please provide a copy for the album. We are looking for a confirmation group photo, not individual photos. Please drop-off at the office. *The deadline is April 15th.* Also, we are still looking for wedding pictures of anyone married at St. Paul in last 150 years. The deadline for wedding pictures is April. *Thank You.*
- ◆ **There are recipe collection boxes for our cookbook in the narthex,** the window across from the elevator and in Nena's office. Please print legibly, sign your name, make directions clear and concise and include any interesting notes about the recipes. *Deadline for recipes is April 15th.* Any questions, call Lori at 356-4753.
- ◆ **We would also like to honor those who have served in the military** during this celebration year. If you know someone in the congregation that has served in the military since World War 2, please send an email to nenastpaul.org or call the office, with their name and approximate dates of service, so we can have a comprehensive list. Thank you!

WEEK AT A GLANCE: MARCH 28—APRIL 4, 2021	
SUN.	Palm Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school – 10:30 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children's Church – 10:30 a.m.
MON.	Girl Scouts—6:00 p.m.
THURS.	Men's Fellowship at JJ's—7:00 a.m.; Girl Scouts—4:15 p.m.; Quilt Group—5:00 p.m.; Maundy Thursday Service – 6:00 p.m.
FRI.	Good Friday Service – 6:00 p.m.; "The Passion" movie – 7:00 p.m.
SAT.	No Worship Service
SUN.	Easter Sunday Worship/HC – 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.; Easter Breakfast after the Sunrise Service; Bake Sale held between all the Easter Services

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Billi Jo Foster, Arnie Moggie, Amanda Tolan, Amy Nolan, Ron Wirgau, Jesse Gordy, Lori Ludwig, Dorothy Jury, Mabel Townsend, Doris Peterson, Lyla Wyman, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttil, Eleanor Schellie, Geri Hanson, Jeff & Kendra Truman, Barb Crittenden, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Barb Skaluba, Randy Donakowski, Tim Grossman, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. *We also remember our homebound members.* They are: Gerry Ludwig, Harriet Burke, Betty Kollin, Virginia Kraft, Virginia Beaulieu, and Deb Lange.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod:

*St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, Rev. Rheanna Goodrich

This week we join in prayer with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for the Foster Children/Foster Families at Grace Lutheran Church.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Estella Frantz, who joined our Lord in eternity March 22, 2021. Her funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on March 27, 2021.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given in honor of Lori Ludwig on her birthday, March 30th!

Join us for the Holy Week Services. They are as follows: Palm Sunday we will have our three regular services; Maundy Thursday, April 1st, at 6:00 p.m.; Good Friday Service, April 2nd, at 6:00 p.m., followed by the movie "The Passion" at 7:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 4th, 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.

There will be an Easter Breakfast right after the Sunrise Service. It will be Covid safe. Come join us!

The Crafters are 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.

St. Paul Scholarship Committee will be awarding a \$500 scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year to a 2021 graduating senior (preference) or current college student. Applications will be available shortly and must be completed and returned by April 30th. Members interested in supporting this year's scholarship or a planned \$25,000 endowed scholarship may forward their contribution to the church office.

There is a Prayer Box in the Narthex, on the table. Please fill out the blue card, next to it, and place it in the box and we will get it to the Prayer Ministry Group.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Palm Sunday

March 27, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

March 28, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

“Hold High His Royal Banner”

*(Congregational responses are printed in **bold**; Additional items for the 9:00 a.m. service only are printed in **blue**.)*

Welcome! Please remain seated throughout the service and the offering will be received at the back and front of the church building.

CALL TO WORSHIP

“The Holy City”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. 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”



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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.



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Festive March”

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ 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 awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ 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

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LORD'S PRAYER

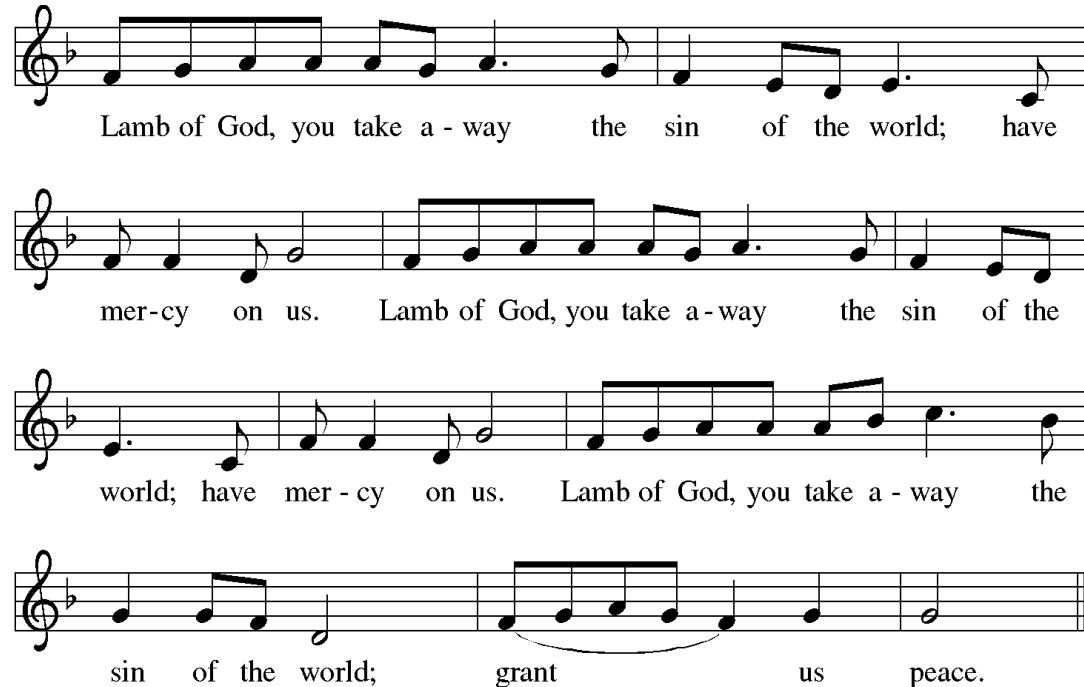
Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

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"



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.**

and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON

"Hosanna"

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day,
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER. Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also 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