# **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.

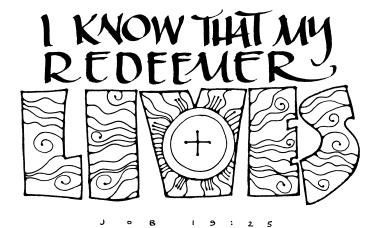
## **PARTICIPANTS**

<u>MINISTERS</u>	The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>	Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>	Marvis McNeil
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Marty Cantleberry
SPECIAL MUSIC	Marvis McNeil, Marty Cantleberry, Duane Beyer
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Shirley Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	Shirley Jones
<b>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</b>	Dennis & Lori Dziesinski
	Paul Kieliszewski, Tim Moggie
ALTAR CARE	Pat Cornelius, Carol Kindt, and Marty Cantleberry

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Liturgical Worship Service celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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November 10, 2019 9:00 a.m.

# GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2019—9:00 a.m.

(Congregational responses are printed in **bold**)

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP "Heavenly Sunrise"

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy. **Amen.** 

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection.

#### Merciful God.

we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us.

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** 

"Soon and Very Soon"

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# **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

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Council recommends an amendment of section C13.03 of the By-Laws, adding the following: "This committee would be responsible for an Annual Audit of all church accounts, except what is already stated in the Trust Fund Policy." The amendment to the constitution will be voted upon in December after the unity service on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

"The Old Broads Society" (Women 70 and older) are having a "Game Day" on November 13th at 1:00 at St Paul in the multi-purpose room. Bring a game to play and snacks to share.

St Paul Lutheran **Thanksgiving Outreach Meal** will take place at Pastor John and Nena's house. Don't sit alone on this special day, come at 12:00 and stay until 5:00. Eat some turkey or ham, watch football and talk about life. This event is open to everyone. If you would like to bring a pie or a side dish that would be a blessing.

We are in **NEED of volunteers** to set out a snack such as cookies or donuts, coffee, water, etc. for **Fellowship befo**re the Saturday evening service and between the Sunday morning services. Keep what you serve *simple...it's about fellowship!* There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Once you sign-up, someone will contact you to confirm the dates you have chosen and answer any questions you may have. Fellowship is an important way in which we establish relationships and strengthen our faith.

A very heartfelt "thank you" for making the 2019 Celebrating and Sharing Community Dinner such a joyous occasion! It is with appreciation and gratitude that we acknowledge all that you do to share God's love with one another and extend that love by reaching out into our community. This year's dinner supported the Feeding Kids Ministries, Hope Shore Alliance (flooring), along with operations at Grace Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran. With your donation to our event we were able to raise the highest total in the last eight years, a total net amount of \$15,000.00. Each organization was blessed.

The "leftovers" from the Christmas bazaar are in the fellowship hall 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. Everything will be there until the end of the month and the remaining will be stored away for next year. If you would like to pick up the items that you brought, please do so by the end of the month. Questions? Call Lori at 356-4753.

# WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 10-17, 2019

SUN. Worship/HC-9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Worship Service & Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

MON. Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.

TUES. T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Stewardship – 5:30 p.m.; Boy/Cub Scouts – 6:30 p.m.

WED. Hymn Committee – 1:00 p.m.; Old Broads Game Day – 1:00 p.m.; Choir Rehearsal – 5:30 p.m.; Blessing of Hunters Service – 5:30 p.m.

THURS. Men's Fellowship at JJ's – 7:00 a.m.

FRI. Newsletter Deadline

SAT. Fellowship 4:30; Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.

SUN. Worship/HC-9:00; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Worship Service &

Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Joanne Schalk, Trapp Truman, Audrey Reck, Elbert & Audrey Heath, Ed Arthur, Barb Agius, Barb Skaluba, Randy Donakowski, Tom Splitt, Tim Grossman, Melinda Nordstrand, Suzanne Schmidt, David Usher, Ilse Kuhl, John David Maleport, Norma Smith, Gerry Ludwig, Deb Lange, Dennis Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Cindy Nensewitz, Sally Kosloski, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace

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

- \* Lutheran Church of the Savior, Kalamazoo, Rev. Nicole Smith
- \* Alaska Synod/Anchorage, AK, Bishop Shelley Wickstrom

**This week we join in prayer** with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for the Altar Servers/Ushers at All Saints Parish.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			SEPT	YTD
Saturday (11/02) 5:30 p	p.m. 63	Income	27,777.19	189,577.23
Sunday (11/03) 9:00 a	ı.m. 105	Expenses	22,171.86	<u>185,603.77</u>
Sunday 10:30	a.m. <u>32</u>	Difference	5,605.33	3,973.46
Total	200			

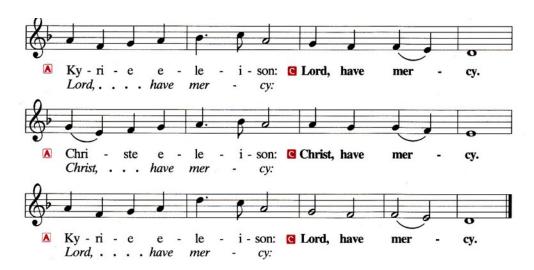
THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given to the glory of God.

Our November Service Activity is the Children's Closet at Sanborn School. Items needed: Boys – sweatpants or elastic waist pants (no jeans) boy sizes 5-14, men's small (a few pair socks, and water-proof gloves; Girls – sweatpants or leggings (no jeans) sizes 6-16, women's small and medium (a few pair) socks, and waterproof gloves. Please leave items in the baskets provided in the Narthex, at the top of the stairs by the side entrance and in the Fellowship hall in the basement.

The Blessing of Hunters service will be on the 13th of November at 5:30 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. All hunters are asked to wear Blaze orange and to leave their weapons at home. The service of blessing is a reminder of God's hope found in the hunt. The hope of camaraderie, sportsmanship, the blessing of food and servant leadership and that the world is filled with dangers. Come and know God's blessing during this special time in God's creation.

The Soul Sisters will meet on November 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room and will be making a Christmas star It is suggested that you bring an apron or wear something that you don't mind getting dirty. The cost is \$25 for all supplies. Contact Pastor John if you cannot afford the price. Please invite your friends and contact the church office to let us know you are coming. *The deadline to sign up is Monday, November 18th!* 

Confirmation class will begin for everyone on the 20th of November at 6:00 p.m. in Pastor John's office. Students please read the Genesis 37-50.



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





## **BLESSING**

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, + comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMN

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

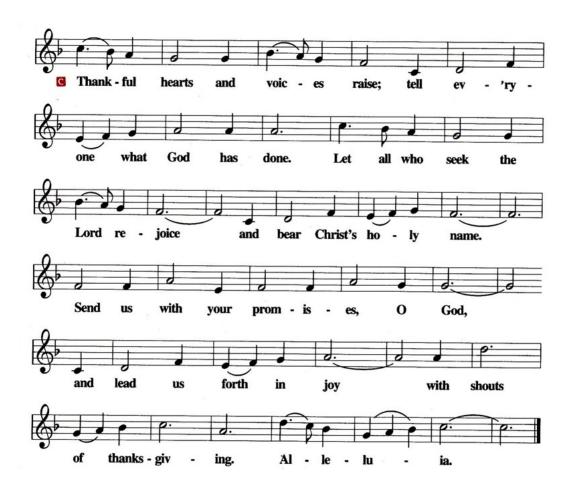
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#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** 

#### MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# Prayer of the Day



Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

## FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

<sup>23</sup> "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! <sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9**

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

# From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

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As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, from the wicked who despoil me, my deadly enemies who surround me.

#### SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. <sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

"Gospel Acclamation"

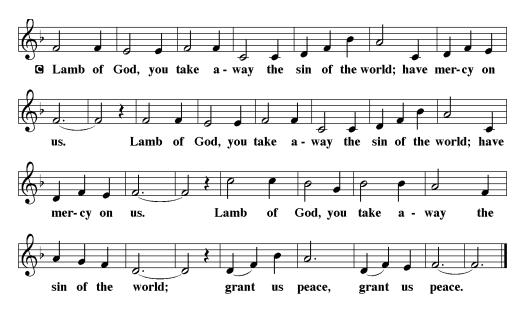
#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

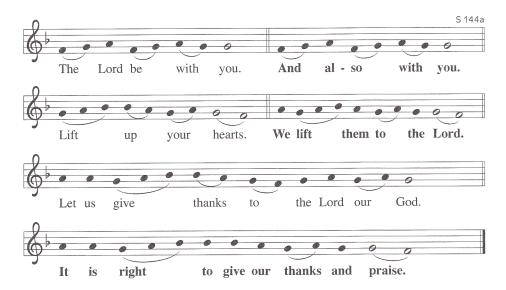
"Lamb of God"



The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

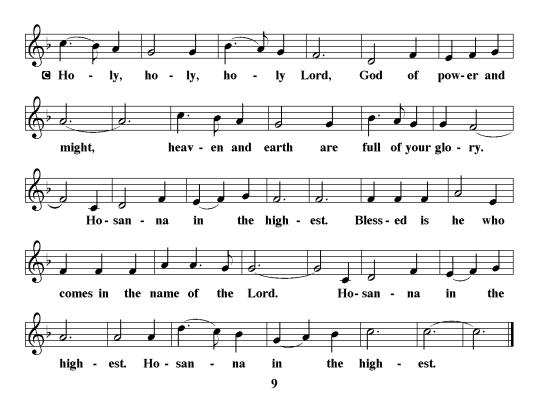
#### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"



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





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

# **GOSPEL:** Luke 20:27-38

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

Children's Message

"I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory To tell the old old story Of Jesus and His love

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**SERMON** 

"Child of the Resurrection"

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Bind Us Together"

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Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

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.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** 

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

**GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS** 

**OFFERING** 

"Your First Day in Heaven"

"LET THE VINEYARDS"



# **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING