

### 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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<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.	Annie Olsen
	9:00 a.m.	Danielle McDonald
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Annie Olsen
	9:00 a.m.	Richard Miller
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Janice Boboltz
	9:00 a.m.	Janice Boboltz
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dennis and Sherry McDonald
	9:00 am.	Dennis and Lori Dziesinski
		Barb Szczesniak, Jeff Ciupka
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan Peterson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

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

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

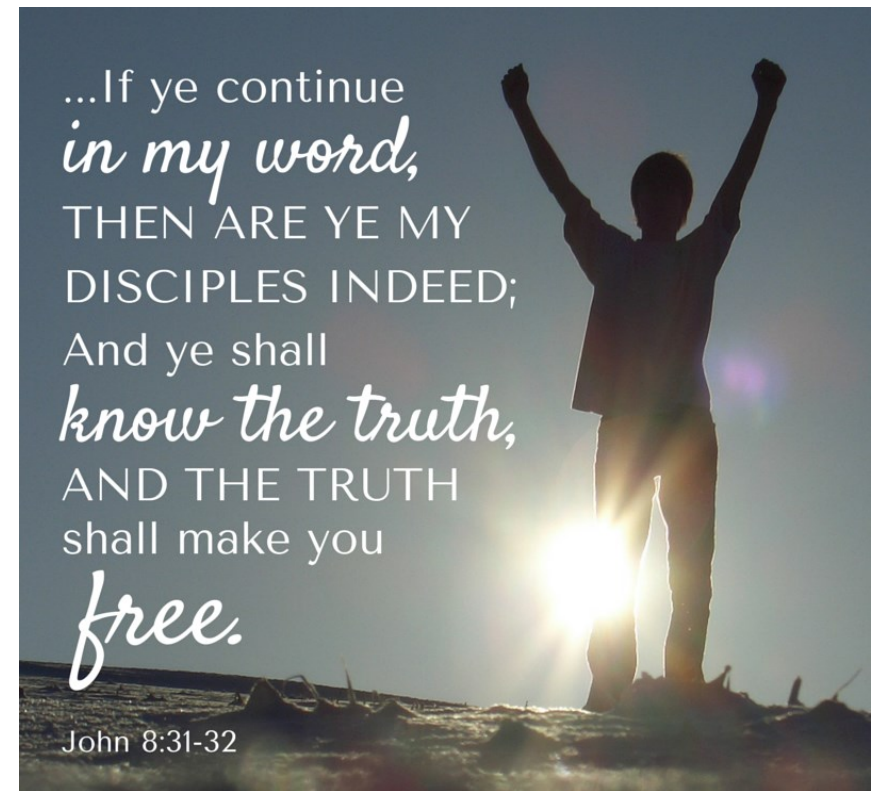
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*



**October 30, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**October 31, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.**

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Reformation Day

October 30, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

October 31, 2021 - 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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. 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** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Red) #504

### 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.**

**S@SP (Singles At St Paul) will meet on November 4th at 6 PM in Pastor John's office.** This new Small Group is open to all singles 18-99.

**REMINDER:** Daylight Saving Time ends on November 7<sup>th</sup>, so remember to set your clocks an hour back when going to bed on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation Celebration will be on November 7<sup>th</sup>.** Confirmation is a faith filled journey with opportunities to learn and grown within community. We celebrate the hard work of Evan McDonald, Alayna Krey and Cayden Smith and we welcome them to serve alongside us at St. Paul.

**The Blessing of Hunters service will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Come and know God's blessing during this special time.

**We will have a November Video Educational Experience** on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We will be watching "The War Room" and discussing it. A meal is provided. All are welcome.

**A Women's Retreat is set for November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.** Our theme is "Bad Women of the Bible and what we can learn from them." The event will take place at 1921 Long Rapids Road and there is no cost associated with this event. Women ages 18-100 are invited to discover God's faithfulness in your faith journey. Please call the church office to sign up. It is limited to the first 20 ladies.

**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran wants to be part of the Bolenz Jewelry Holiday Parade on Friday, November 26th.** Danielle McDonald is leading our team forward to assemble the float. Please speak with her if you are interested in helping. Her phone number is 616-322-7958.

**Pastor John is planning to assemble another Avent Devotional from the people of St. Paul.** The devotional theme for this year is "Prepare and Enrich our faith journey at St. Paul." A devotional provides daily inspiration through this season of the year. Please write several paragraphs about a man or woman who inspired your faith and include a scriptural reference. Pastor John needs this information by the **November 15th.**

#### WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 31—NOVEMBER 7, 2021

<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Fellowship—10:00 a.m.; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school—10:30; Contemporary Service & Children's Church— 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing—2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts—6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Forget-Me-Nots – 11:30 a.m. (at 19th Hole); Stewardship – 5:00 p.m.; Education Committee – 5:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	The Adventure Club – 5:30 p.m.; Property Committee – 7:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men's Fellowship at JJ's—7:00 a.m.; Outreach – 5:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Christmas Bazaar – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Luncheon – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.); Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.; Turn Clocks back an hour when going to bed tonight
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Fellowship—10:00 a.m.; Jr/Sr. High SS—10:30; Worship & CC— 10:30 a.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Kelci Ghiata, Skyler Kilcrease, Jim Miller, Erin Sharp, Randy Donakowski, John Tinker, Gladys Kelsey, Nathan LeTourneau, Maryanna Miller, Bodo Hanson, Al Sharp, Pete Creguer, Roy Sommerfeld, Howard & Gloria Lumsden, Rosely Taylor, Natalie, Sally Barney, Gary Rich, Dorothy Carr, Peter Brown, Melissa Smith, Sutton Badder, Randy Byard, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttill, Eleanor Schellie, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Tim Grossman, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. *We also remember our homebound members.* They are: Harriet Burke, Virginia Kraft, Virginia Beaulieu, Deb Lange, and Phyllis Robb.

**We remember our prayer partners** in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Peace Lutheran Church, Holland, Pastor Clay Bates

**We remember our prayer partners** in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Bread of Life Lutheran Church, Hudsonville, Rev. Katherine VanValkenburg.

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of Milton Hasse, who joined our Lord in eternity October 27, 2021. The family is currently making arrangements.

<b>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>END OF SEPT.</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>
Saturday (10/23) 5:30 p.m. 53	Income 22,917.37	226,101.28
Sunday (10/24) 9:00 a.m. 53	Expenses <u>20,464.18</u>	<u>223,157.44</u>
10:30 a.m. <u>25</u>	Difference 2,453.19	2,943.84
Total 131		

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** are given in honor of Annie Olsen for all the many, many years working on the Bazaar!

**We are looking for people/groups to do Advent Lunches on December 1, 8, 15 & 22.** If you are interested in providing lunch for one of those dates, please call the church office at 356-1658. Thanks.

**Bring your spirit of adventure and hope to our next Adventure Club, which will meet on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** The theme will be "Hunting for Home!" Join us for fun, adventure, and food within this intergenerational educational experience.

**The Forget-Me-Knots will meet for lunch at 11:30 on Tuesday, November 2 at the 19th Hole Restaurant.** Please call Ann Hardesty (471-5304) by October 31 to make a reservation. Hope to see you there!

**The St. Paul Christmas Bazaar is November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room.** Tickets for the luncheon are now available for sale either at the church office, or before and after services. The proceeds from the Bazaar will go to new flooring for the Sanctuary. We will tithe 10% of the day's profits to Trinity Episcopal Church's Sunday Supper. If you have any questions call Lori at 356-4753 or Esther at 471-2274. See you there!

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

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

**PSALM: Psalm 46 (Read Responsively)**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**  
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**  
God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early.  
**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**  
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
**Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has wrought desolations in the earth.**  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the chariots with fire!  
**"Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"**  
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.



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 - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
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.

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

**GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham, and have never been in bondage to any one. How is it that you say, ‘You will be made free?’” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not continue in the house for ever; the son continues for ever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Free Indeed”

Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

(Red) #517

**Reception of New Members**

**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. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

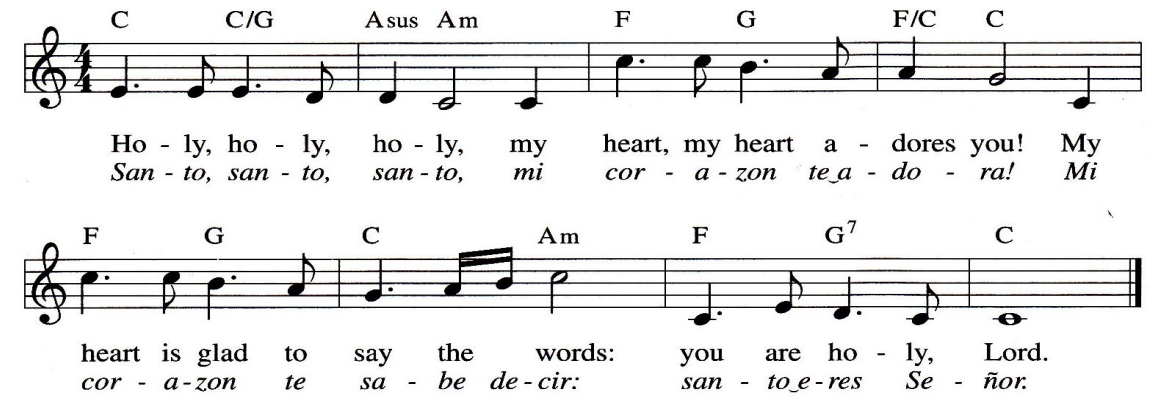
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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 - 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

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

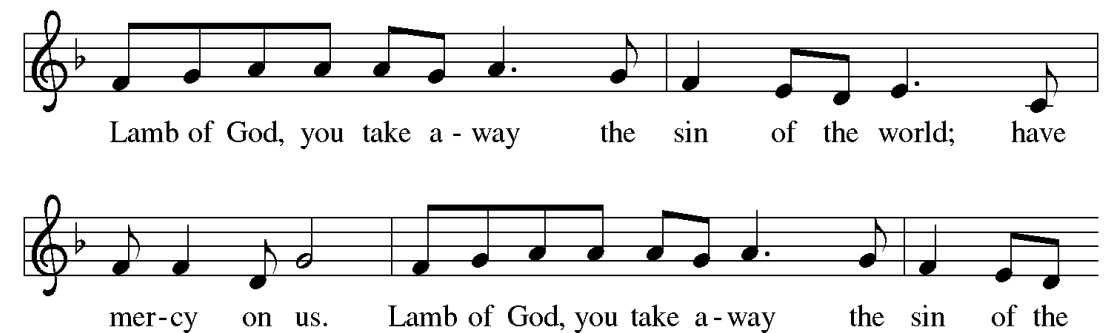
**People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For 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.

"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