

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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We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

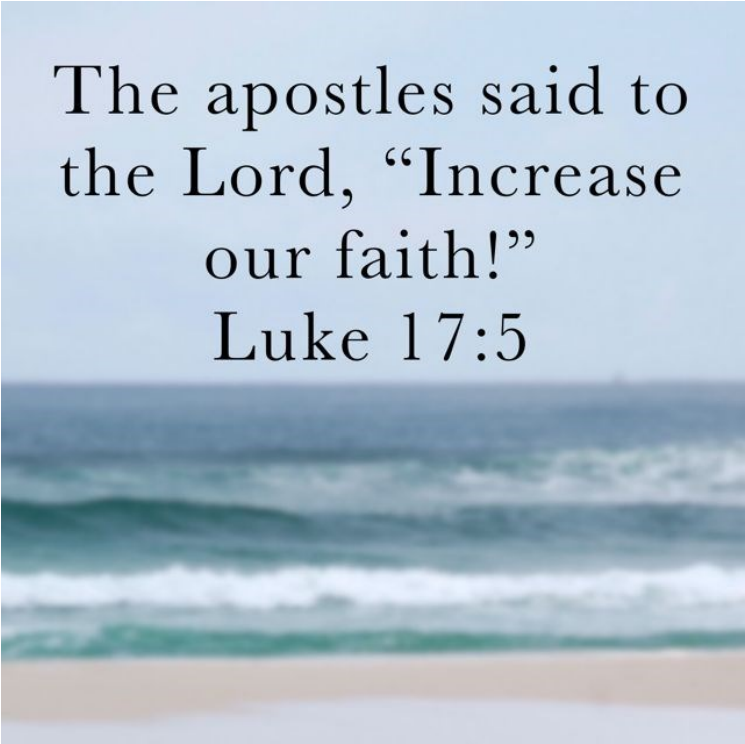
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The apostles said to
the Lord, "Increase
our faith!"
Luke 17:5

October 6 2019

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 2019—9:00 a.m.

(Congregational responses are printed in bold)

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP “I Will Lift My Heart”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,
we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 “God Is Here!” (Blue) #719

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.

Hymn of Praise

As part of the 30 Days of Peace, there will be a **Peace Concert** at St. Anne Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. tonight. Everyone is welcome.

The 2019 Harvest Dinner was a wonderful success! A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped, the workers, people who donated, the people who attended and the organizers - Andrea Dutcher, Donna Kensa and Dixie Weiler. It was a great time! The proceeds were \$2116.88 and are going to D.A.V. for their new van. Blessings to all of you... *The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.* Numbers 6:24-26

The Annual Meeting of the St. Paul Lutheran Church Congregation will be Sunday, October 20 with a Potluck Brunch at 10:30 a.m., with the meeting following. Please join us!

About St. Paul’s Eucharistic Ministry: We have trained Eucharistic Ministers who will take communion kits to shut-ins on a regular basis. Questions? Contact Bernie at 595-6835.

The St. Paul Christmas Bazaar is November 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. Luncheon is from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a menu of turkey casserole, cranberry salad, roll and dessert. The costs of the tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5 – 12. And under 5 are free. Tickets are available at the church office. *Items for the bazaar can be dropped off on Friday, November 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.* If you have any questions call Lori at 356-4753. See you there!

Our October Service Activity is St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Canned Soup, of any brand or flavor, is needed. 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 6—13, 2019

- SUN.** Worship/HC—9:00; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.
- MON.** Bazaar Meeting—5:30 p.m.; 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.** Esther Study – 1:00 p.m.; Worship Committee – 5:00 p.m.; Choir Rehearsal – 5:30 p.m.; Pilgrim’s Progress – 6:00 p.m.
- THURS.** Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s – 7:00 a.m.; Outreach Committee – 5:00 p.m.
- 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.; C & S Dinner (APlex) – 12:00 p.m. Doors Open at 11:00 a.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Barbara Skaluba, Randy Donakowski, Tom Splitt, Tim Grossman, Melinda Nordstrand, Suzanne Schmidt, David Usher, Joyce MacAdam, Tiffany Spierling, Laurie Stafford, 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. **ARMED SERVICES:** Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Spencer Newhouse, Brandon Sloan, Lauren Hoeksema, Alexander Gould, Christopher Howard, Andrew Hein, Mandy Killingbeck, Michael Yeager, Jacqueline Crimmins, Ashley (Dingman) Grant, Charles Tudor, Abigail Miller, and Justin A. Smith.

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

* Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Holland, Rev. Jessica Rivera-Walker

This week we join in prayer with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for the Adult Education and RCIA at All Saints Catholic Parish.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday (09/29) 9:00 a.m. 113
Community Sunday Service

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

The **Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner** will be October 13th at the APlex. Tickets are on sale for this event at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran, The Alpena News and Neiman's Family Market. The dinner is donated by Jon Benson of JJ's Catering. There will be a Silent Auction, Chinese Raffle, and Door Prizes. Make sure to join us for lots of fun, great food, and fellowship!

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house for a fireside chat on October 20th from 5:00-7:00. We will sit by the firepit by the river (or in the house) and talk about life, hope, grace and the love of God (no agenda). Come for 15 minutes or for 2 hours. Their address is 1921 Long Rapids Road.

"The Soul Sisters" (Women 50-70) are meeting for supper on the 17th of October, 5:30 p.m. at the 19th Hole. Come join us!

Please note: There will be a **Bazaar Meeting** on Monday, October 7th, in the lounge.

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Sermon Notes

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(Blue) #771

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

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FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)
“Gospel Acclamation”

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

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, grant us peace.

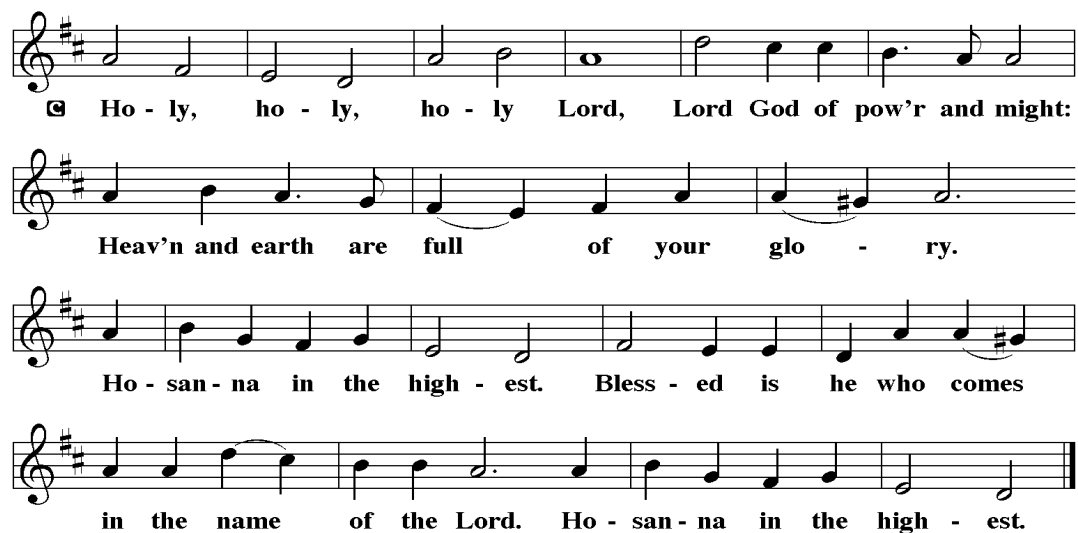
Sending of Communion

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

Children’s Message

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine
 I'm gonna let it shine
 This little light of mine
 I'm gonna let it shine
 This little light of mine
 I'm gonna let it shine
 Let it shine let it shine let it shine

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SERMON

“Increase My Faith”

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

(Blue) # 754

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: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

"LET THE VINEYARDS"

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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