

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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Ryan Panknin, Nancy St. Onge

Amy Sharp, Karen Wallace, Bonnie Altman

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

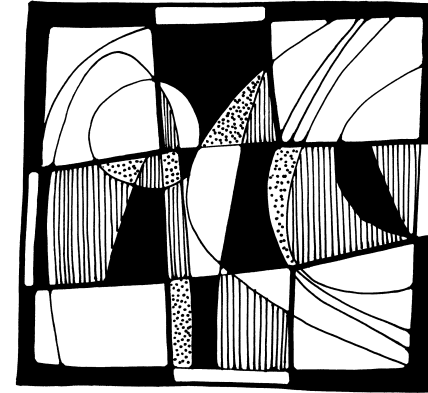
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celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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WHOEVER
DOES NOT
CARRY THE
CROSS AND
FOLLOW ME
CANNOT BE
MY DISCIPLE.

L U K E 1 4 : 2 7

September 8, 2019

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019—9:00 a.m.

(Congregational responses are printed in bold)

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP “Gathered In His Name”

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 “Lift High the Cross” (Red) #660

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

The Contemporary Worship Service and Sunday School begin today at 10:30! This service will take place in our multi-purpose room. The children will begin in worship and then they will depart for class. Their parents and everyone else who would like to worship will remain behind (in our multi-purpose room). If you are interested in helping with audio-visual or fellowship issues please speak with Pastor John. Come and be part of this new experience, be inspired and celebrate Christ in a contemporary setting.

Marty Cantleberry will be our Choir Director and Dana Panknin will continue her association with the choir. Dana will sing with the choir and will be the assistant director when Marty is out-of-town. Thank you to both Marty and Dana for continuing to lead us singing praises to the Lord. *Personnel Committee*

Fellowship for the 5:30 service begins in September. We will meet at 4:30 for coffee and baked goods until 5:20. Fellowship for the 9:00 Service will follow the service. Come and share your life with the people you worship with.

Welcome new and old choir members. If you like to sing come join us. Rehearsals are changing from the previous day, which was Thursday, to Wednesday at 6:00. The first rehearsal is **Wednesday, Sept. 11th.**

It is my prayer and desire to meet with each age group of women to discuss your hopes and desires as people of God. You may want to gather for lunch, for a bible study, for a craft event or for several day trips. Come with your ideas and be open to God’s possibilities. For Women 70 and older we will meet September 17 at 1:00 p.m.; for women 50-70 we will meet September 18 at 2:00 p.m.; for women 18-50 we will meet September 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars! The **Harvest Dinner** will be Thursday, September 19th, 2019. Tickets are now available in the church office and at Neiman’s Family Market!

By popular demand we will have **worship on the beach on September 21 at 7:00**, where we will get to experience the changing colors of leaves and hope of Christ found in worship. Please bring a chair.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 8—15, 2019

<u>SUN.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and First Day of Sunday School – 10:30 p.m. (<i>Blessing of Backpacks at both services</i>)
<u>MON.</u>	Bazaar Meeting – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Dinner on a Doorknob – 9:00 a.m.; T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Stewardship – 5:30 p.m.; CPR Training – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Music Committee – 1:00 p.m.; Esther Study – 1:00 p.m.; Worship Committee – 5:00 p.m.; Choir Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m.; Pilgrim’s Progress – 6:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s – 7:00 a.m.; Outreach – 5:00 p.m.; The Fight Club – 5:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Counsel Retreat – 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.; Paulsell/Frantz Wedding Rehearsal
<u>SAT.</u>	Council Retreat – 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.; Paulsell/Frantz Wedding – 3:00 p.m.; Fellowship – 4:30; Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC–9:00; Contemporary Worship & Sunday School – 10:30; Newsletter Deadline

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Suzanne Schmidt, David Usher, Olive Ford, Joyce MacAdam, Cindy Mitchell, Tiffany Spierling, Barbara Skaluba, Baylee Jo Wirgau, Amy Waite, Tim Grossman, Eleanor Schellie, Megan Schleben, 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.

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

* St. Paul Lutheran Church, Greenville, Rev. Betsy Kamphuis

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			JUNE	YTD
Saturday (08/31) 5:30 p.m.	60	Income	18,582.16	113,456.24
Sunday (09/01) 9:00 a.m.	55	Expenses	24,763.93	134,140.64
Total	115	Difference	(6,181.77)	(20,684.40)

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in honor of Gary and Yvonne DeRosia on their 50th Wedding Anniversary from their children.

ADDITIONAL FLOWERS are given in honor of the 13th - 30 Days of Peace from Mollie Skiba.

Our Outreach group sponsored event of "Cleaning the Highway" is Sunday, September 22nd! (The rain date is September 29th.) We clean a 3 mile stretch of M 32 by Bean Creek Road. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1 pm to carpool out there. Bring gloves and your own water bottle. Any questions contact Mary Jo Beck at (734) 476-7043, or any Outreach member.

The Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner will be October 13th. If you are interested in donating a prize for one of the drawings, please contact Nancy Smithem, (989) 916-7311. There will be a deadline for donations of September 15th. Anything donated after that will be held for the next event.

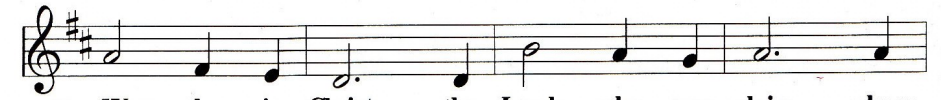
There will be a CPR/AED training at St. Paul Lutheran Church on September 10th at 6:00 p.m. This training is free to all who attend. If you have any questions you can contact Judy Beyer at 595-2247 or Karen Wekwert at 356-0040. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call Judy Beyer.

Bible/book Studies will begin at St. Paul in September – A minimum of 5 people are needed for each class so call the Church office (356-1658) to sign up. The Bible Studies will only last 6 weeks. Classes will begin the week of the 9th of September. If you are interested in a specific topic, let me know so we can study together in the future. Grab a September newsletter to check out the topics and days.

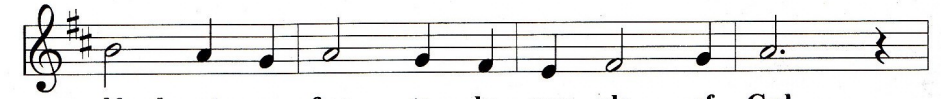
Our September Service Activity is Hope Shores Alliance. See September newsletter for items needed.



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

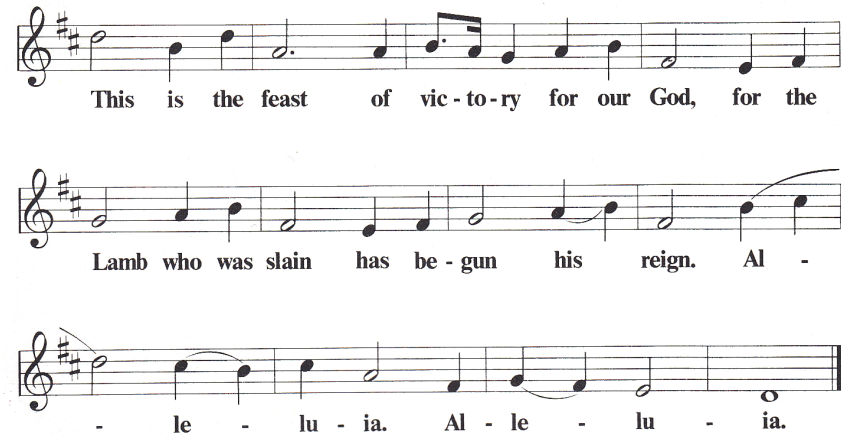


God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Sermon Notes

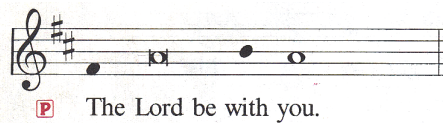


Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

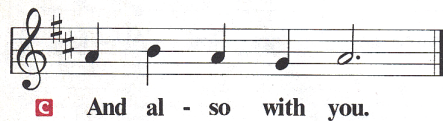


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through 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

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

(Red) #774

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

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FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment

for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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.

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

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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, grant us peace.

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”

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

Children’s Message

“Jesus Loves Me”
 Jesus loves me this I know
 For the Bible tells me so
 Little ones to Him belong
 They are weak but He is strong
 Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me
 Yes Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so

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SERMON

“Count The Cost”

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Peace like a River”

(Red) # 785

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

“Everyday People”

“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

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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