

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 Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Annie Olsen
	9:00 a.m.	Danielle McDonald
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Vicar Troy Spencer
	9:00 a.m.	Cathy Kieliszewski
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 am.	Steve and Andrea Dutcher
		Amy Sharp, Ryan Panknin
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan McDonald
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cantleberry, Pat Cornelius, Carol Kindt

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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May 8, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

May 9, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

May 9, 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! Please remain seated throughout the service and the offering will be received at the back and front of the church building.

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.
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 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Mark your calendars. **The 150th Anniversary Celebration will be on July 18th!**

On May 16th, following the 10:30 service we are looking for volunteers to help pick up the trash in the along highway 32 (our adopted highway). This event is a wonderful expression of celebrating God’s creation in service. Please speak with Scott Brooks if you are available to help.

The Soul Sisters will meet on Thursday, May 20th, at 6:00 p.m., at Trailhead Pavilion (on Woodward Avenue, past the Aplex and the soccer fields). Gayle Zbytowski is going to teach us how to crochet mats out of plastic bags. When completed they will be donated to an animal shelter. You will need crochet hook (size J, K, or L), scissors and plastic grocery bags. Snacks will be provided, bring your own drink.

Book Study Reunion: For those who participated in the “Love Does” book study last Advent, we will be having a reunion where we can all gather and talk about our reading. The reunion will be **Monday May 17th** from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the lounge.

The Men are still meeting at JJ’s at 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays. This has been a great time of discussion and celebration of God at work in the church. Come join us.

St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Garage Sale on June 10 & 11 This will be a “no clothes, no stuffed furniture, no mattresses, no computers or TVs” garage sale. Please set aside your items for this upcoming sale. Thanks so much! You may drop off your items in room 103. If you have any questions please contact Andrea at 354-3651.

Pastor John was invited to bless the motorcycles this year, 11:00 on Saturday, May 22, at the VFW in town. Following the blessing there will be a ride and a benefit dinner (dinner is from 4:30-6:30) for Julie Carr-Hanner.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: MAY 9 -16, 2021

<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school –10:30; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; <i>Happy Mother’s Day</i>
<u>MON.</u>	Girl Scouts –6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches – 9:30 a.m.; Stewardship Meeting – 5:00 p.m.; Scholarship Meeting – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Stephen Ministry – 1:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s –7:00 a.m.; Girl Scouts – 4:15 p.m.; Outreach Committee – 5:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Stephen Ministry Training – 10:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.; June Newsletter Deadline
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school –10:30; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church– 10:30 a.m.; Highway Trash Pick-Up – after the 10:30 a.m. service

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, Jesse Gordy, Lori Ludwig, Dorothy Jury, Doris Peterson, Lyla Wyman, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttill, 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 remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod:

*Christ Lutheran Church, Dewitt, Rev. Terry Williamson

*Synod Assembly 2021, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Ms. Sandy Schlesinger, Synod Council Vice President

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given in honor of all Mothers.

ADDITIONAL FLOWERS are given in memory of our mother, Ada Precour, from Geri and Bodo, Barb, Steve and Madelyn.

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.

Pastor John and Vicar Troy planned some adult education opportunities to inspire your faith walk.

The next Bible study and book study will run May 31 – June 25. The class length will be 1 hour. Pastor John's class (Bible Study on Hosea) will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and Vicar Troy's class (Book Study – "Finding God in the Garden" by Balfour Brickner) will meet on Mondays at 4:00 PM. Please call the office (356-1658) so we know how to plan/books to order.

Our May Service Activity is Sanborn Elementary School. Items needed: small bottles of water, leggings—small size 6-8, medium 10-12, t-shirts- size small and medium, girl's underwear—all sizes, girls socks 10-12, boys athletic pants—size medium, 10. Please leave items on the altar. *Thanks.*

The 150th Anniversary Team is making a second order for T-shirts. The shirt is free to everyone. Please contact the church with your shirt size so we can order them. If you would like to help purchase a shirt for yourself or help someone else, the cost is \$10 sizes S-XL, \$12.50 2X, \$13.50 3X. ***The deadline for this second order is May 10th.***



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

PSALM: Psalm 98 (Read Responsively)

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

SERMON "Sacrificial Love" Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

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 Music: CHEREPONI Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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SENDING HYMN "On Our Way Rejoicing"



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
 un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
 un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
 on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.
 Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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 love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(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

C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C
 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
 F G C Am F G⁷ C
 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.

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.**