

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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Jeff Ciupka, Paul Kieliszewski

Jan Stafford and Yvonne DeRosia

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

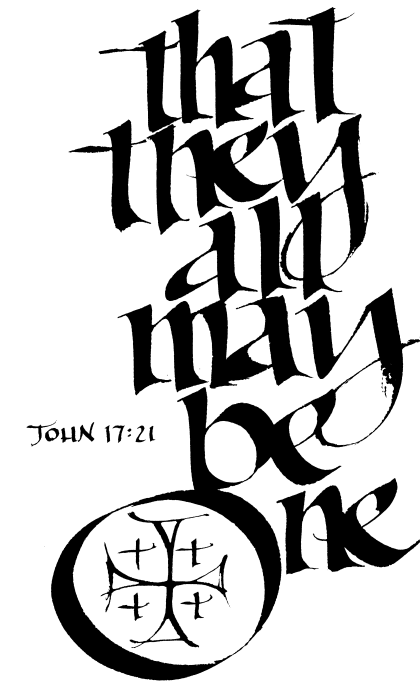
St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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June 2, 2019

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 2, 2019—9:00 a.m.

(Congregational responses are printed in bold)

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP “My Life Is In You Lord”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation..

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

Here local bodies of water may be named.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “Earth and All Stars!” (Red) #731, vs. 2,4 & 5

Today we are honoring our high school graduates. Everyone is invited to join us for a cake reception in their honor, which will be held after the service in the multi-purpose room. Those who made the prayer shawls for our graduates are Marty Cantleberry, Harriett Kelm, Carol Kindt, Sally Muszynski, Mollie Skiba, Bernie Wagner, and Karen Wekwert.

Men - We are meeting on Thursday mornings at 7:00 at JJs. Please come and join us for this time of community and fellowship.

Our June Service Activity is Hygiene Product and School Supplies for the Alpena Public School Clothing Closet. *Items Needed:* shampoo, body wash, disposable razors, tooth brush and tooth paste, wire notebooks, three-ring binders, pencils, pens, crayons, glue sticks, and back packs. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact MaryAnne Kucharek at 354-3757.

St. Paul Lutheran Church’s Garage Sale will be held on June 7 from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. On June 8th & 9th it will still be set up and you can go, look and purchase items before or after services. This will be a “no clothes, no stuffed furniture, no mattresses, no computers or TVs” garage sale. You may drop off your items anytime and put them in the multi-purpose room closet. Please close boxes so they are stackable and mark “fragile” if necessary. If you have something you need picked up please call Andrea at 354-3651. *Thank you.*

The Celebrating & Sharing Dinner Group will have a meeting on Thursday, June 27th, at 5:30 at St. Paul Lutheran, in the lounge. Anyone interested in joining our group and helping out with this great event, please come. If you have questions you can call Kathy Burton at 464-8943 or Donna Kensa at 464-5385. Everyone is welcome. Mark your calendars. The dinner will be held on Sunday, October 13th.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JUNE 2—9, 2019

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| <u>SUN.</u> | Worship Service/HC – 9:00 a.m. – Graduates Honored |
| <u>MON.</u> | Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.; Garage Sale Set-Up |
| <u>TUES.</u> | T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 6:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.; Garage Sale Set-Up |
| <u>WED.</u> | Property Committee – 7:00 p.m.; Garage Sale Set-Up |
| <u>THURS.</u> | Men’s Fellowship at JJs – 7:00 a.m.; Lois Circle – 11:30 a.m.; Quilt Group – 5:00 |
| <u>FRI.</u> | Garage Sale – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| <u>SAT.</u> | Garage Sale (on honor system); Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m. |
| <u>SUN.</u> | Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m. - First Communion; Garage Sale (on honor system) |

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Carol Eubanks, Judy Beyer, Linda Connon, Ilse Kuhl, John David Maleport, Harry Henry, Larry Ewing, Barb Williams, Ben Fraley, Sally Muszynski, Heather & Vito Reo, Susie Snyder, Violet McLaren, Cathy Knechtel, Norma Smith, Milt "Bodo" Hanson, 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 Houseman, Alexander Gould, Christopher Howard, Andrew Hein, Mandy Killingbeck, Michael Yeager, Jacqueline Cramming, Ashley (Dingmans) Grant, Charles Tudor, Abigail Miller, and Justin A. Smith.

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

- * Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Edmore, Rev. Marcia Schultz
- * North Carolina Synod, Salisbury, NC, Bishop Tim Smith

This week we join in prayer with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for all who do tasks for the Sunday School Program at Grace Lutheran Church.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross)) are given in honor of Zach Chrzan, on his graduation from ACC and Garrett Chrzan, on his graduation from AHS, from Grandma and Grandpa Hand.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

			APRIL	YTD
Saturday (05/25) 5:30 p.m.	64	Income	27,691.62	77,332.67
Sunday (05/26) 9:00 a.m.	<u>73</u>	Expenses	<u>19,396.99</u>	<u>65,723.32</u>
Total	137	Difference	8,294.63	11,609.35

Volunteers are needed. Please speak with Pastor John.

Like us on Facebook! Go to our Facebook Page: St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church-Alpena, click on the "Like" button on the page and it will turn blue. You can find the latest happenings, sermons, etc. Check it out!

Fellowship with Pastor John following the services in his office – Please stay after services for a time of fellowship. Talk with Pastor John about your life and the life of the church.

Reminder: If you are going away for an extended time please let the church office know so our records will be up-to-date and we will know when to stop and restart your envelopes. Thank you for your help.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



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: 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.

SENDING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(Red) #733

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Peace Works: Empowering the Next Generation of Peacemakers



The 2019’s ACE (Alpena Community Ecumenical) VBS will be July 8-12. It will again be held Monday -Friday from 9-2 PM at the First United Methodist Church. This is a free event for children ages 5-12. Lunch and snacks will be provided. St. Paul Lutheran will provide lunch/snacks on one of the days. If you are called to assist with this ministry you may purchase any of the following items listed below or you may provide a monetary donation to help with this meal. Call Leslie Kirchoff 989-255-9541 or Carol Kindt 356-9642 for more information. A sign-up sheet is in the

Narthex.

Gordon Foods:

- Macaroni and cheese : 6 (5 lb. frozen boxes)
- Hot dogs: 1 box (80 hot dogs) + 3 small Ball Park packages (8 per package)
- Buns: 8 packages (8 per package)
- Ketchup: 2 (32 oz. bottles)
- Mustard: 2 (30 oz. bottles)
- Relish: 1-2 smaller bottles
- Cookies: 10 -12 dozen
- Lemonade: 2 14 oz. Country Time Lemonade mix packages (makes 2 gal. per package)

ACE VBS

Peace Works: Empowering the Next Generation of Peacemakers

We are in need of adult and youth volunteers. There are many opportunities for adults to participate in this ministry.

- Assist groups of children as they move to each station.
- Help prepare and serve the lunch and snack.
- Supervise the quiet room.
- Assist with registration on the first day.

Junior counselor volunteers are also needed and must be at least 13 years old. They would be assisting with groups of children throughout the day. Call Leslie Kirchoff 989-255-9541 or Carol Kindt 356-9642 for more information. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

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.
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: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.

All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God.

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

SPECIAL MUSIC "Walk Along Beside Me, O My Lord"

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

"Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"

Pastor: Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

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. Communion will be by individual glasses. Wine, grape juice, bread and wafers are available. Those not receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing.

"Lamb of God"

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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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PREFACE

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 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Grace our table with your presence.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

“Faithful Connections”

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Borning Cry”

(Red) # 732

Blessing of the Graduates

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING "Standing On the Promises"

"LET THE VINEYARDS"

C 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. Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.