

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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CHOIR DIRECTOR

SPECIAL MUSIC

ASSISTING MINISTER

LECTOR

USHERS & GREETERS

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Steve and Andrea Dutcher
Kathy Burton, Tim Moggie
Amy Sharp, Karen Wallace, Bonnie Altman

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

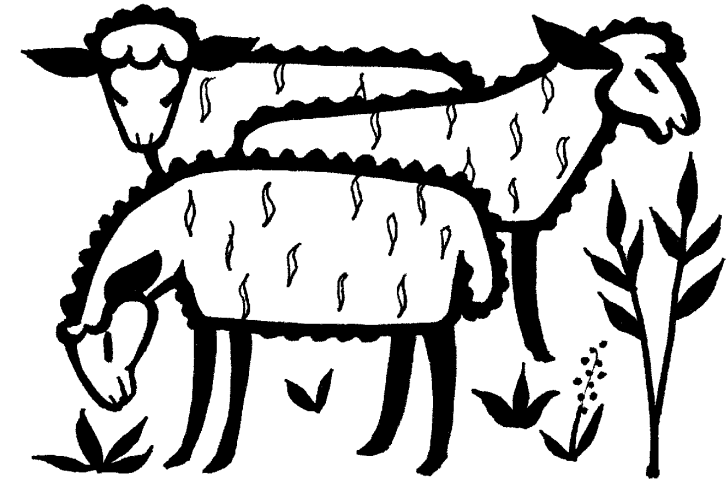
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celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?"

Luke 15:4

September 15, 2019

9:00 a.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Melinda Nordstrand, Suzanne Schmidt, David Usher, Olive Ford, Joyce MacAdam, Cindy Mitchell, Tiffany Spierling, Barbara Skaluba, Baylee Jo Wirgau, 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:

* Grace Lutheran Church, Hastings, Rev. Kenneth Scheck, II

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

			JUNE	YTD
Saturday (09/07) 5:30 p.m.	67	Income	18,582.16	113,456.24
Sunday (09/08) 9:00 a.m.	65	Expenses	<u>24,763.93</u>	<u>134,140.64</u>
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	<u>33</u>	Difference	(6,181.77)	(20,684.40)
Total	165			

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given to the glory of God, for the gifts of two new grandsons, from Rod and Denise Borchard. Born on August 7, Lucas Andrew to Geoffrey and Chevie Hoeksema, and born August 30, Elias James to Caleb and Ashley Borchard.

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.

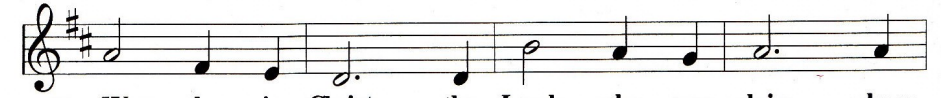
Our September Service Activity is Hope Shores Alliance. Items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, cups, plates, napkins, Ziplock bags, foil wrap, plastic wrap, trash bags (13 gallon), cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, batteries (*all sizes*), baby powder, diapers (*all sizes*), large bath towels, pillows/pillow covers, sheets, blankets (*twin size*), personal hygiene items, plastic storage bins, non-perishable food items, gas cards, gift cards, copy paper, pocket folders, Forever stamps, and cash donations.

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* Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Come join us!

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!



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



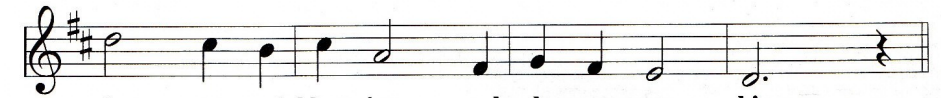
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



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

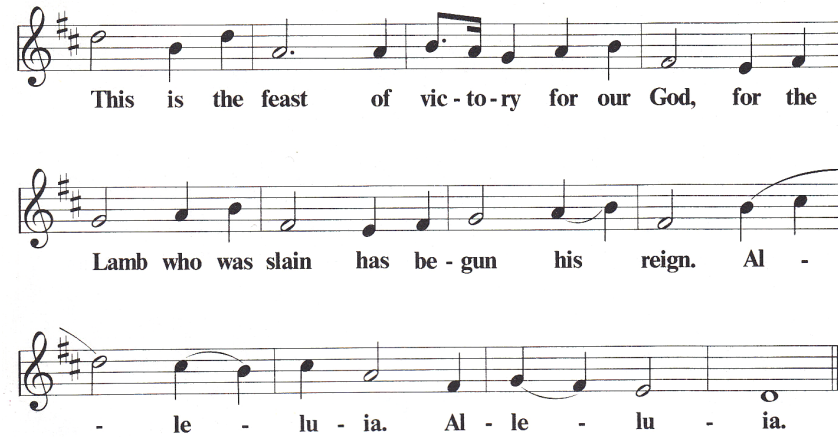


God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Sermon Notes

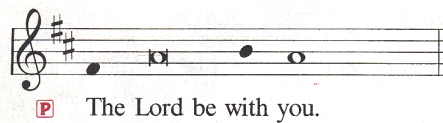


Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

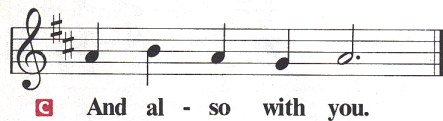


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, 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

“We Are Marching in the Light”

(Red) #866

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

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FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost

patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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-lu-jah. 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.**

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giving. Al-le-lu-ia.

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

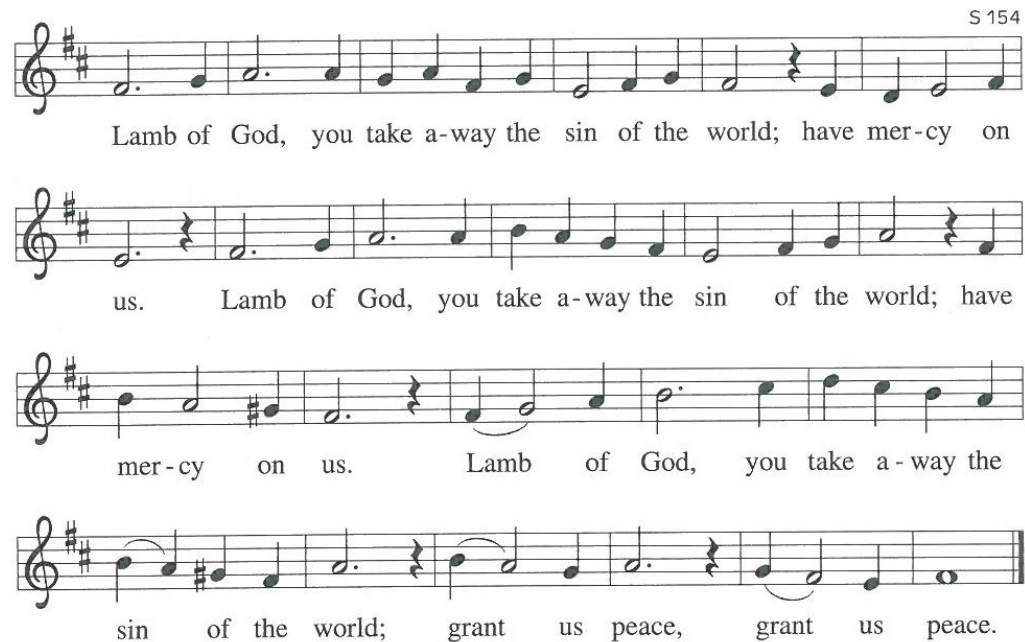
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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”

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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.

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

“Lost and Found”

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

(Red) # 765

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 "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

"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

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.