

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.

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

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August 24, 2019

5:30 p.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2019—5:30 p.m.

(Congregational responses are printed in bold)

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP “I Want Jesus More than Anything”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our 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.**

Hymn of Praise “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (Verses 1&4) (Red) 834

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.

Worship on the Beach with us on tonight, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. We will carpool from the church after the service around 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend, a beverage of choice, a lawn chair, snacks and a joyful spirit.

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 by calling Judy by August 28th.**

Mark your calendars! The **Harvest Dinner** will be Thursday, September 19th, 2019 (NOT September 26th as previously published). Tickets are available now in the church office and at Neiman’s Family Market.

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.

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

Attention Committees, Scouts, and Groups: The final date to submit your committee report and budget for the Annual Meeting is September 1.

Our August 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 25 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2019	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 9:00 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s – 7:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Olive Ford, Joyce MacAdam, Cindy Mitchell, Tiffany Spierling, Barbara Skaluba, Baylee Jo Wirgau, Amy Waite, Tim Grossman, Eleanor Schellie, Raychelle Goike, Megan Schleben, Laurie Stafford, Skeeter Urban, Ilse Kuhl, John David Maleport, Norma Smith, Milt "Bodo" Hanson, Gerry Ludwig, Deb Lange, Dennis Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Cindy Nensewitz, Sally Kosloski, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. *We also remember our homebound members.* They are: Barb Williams, Estella Frantz, Glen Radka, Harriet Burke, Ruthelma Smith, Edna Miller, Earl DeRosia, Ruth Robb, Betty Kollin, Virginia Kraft, Ilse Kuhl, Virginia Beaulieu, and Alice Haddy.

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

* Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Robert Linstrom, Rev. Daniel Schewe and Rev. Karen Niemeyer

This week we join in prayer with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for all who work on Ecumenical and Interfaith dialogue at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			MAY	YTD
Saturday (08/17) 5:30 p.m.	67	Income	21,461.41	99,629.08
Sunday (08/18) 9:00 a.m.	<u>62</u>	Expenses	<u>24,763.93</u>	<u>134,109.64</u>
Total	129	Difference	(3,302.52)	(34,480.56)

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in honor of our daughter, Vicki Sylvester Keller on her birthday, August 24th, from Mom and Dad.

Our Outreach group sponsored event of "**Cleaning the Highway**" is **Sunday, September 15th!** 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.

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Special Music

"In Times Like These"

"Gospel Acclamation"

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah". It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Children's Message/Noisy Offering

"I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old old story
Of Jesus and His love

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SERMON

"Freedom Isn't Free"

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Red) #793

Confession of Faith: The 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.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

(Red) # 537

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: Hear us, O God.
 Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING MUSIC "Out of His Great Love"

OFFERTORY "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
 Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also 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

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.

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"

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.