

### 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.

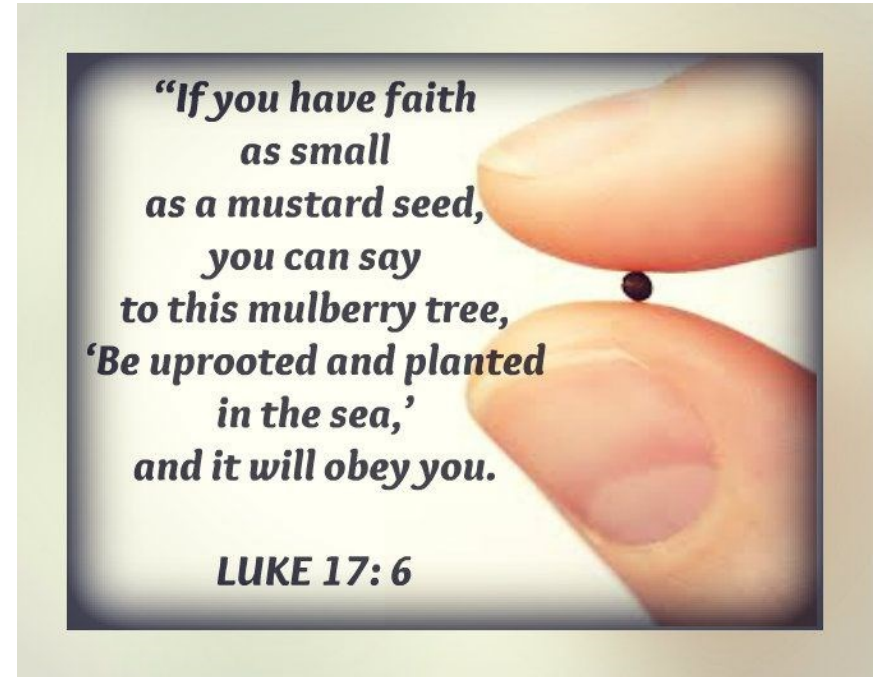
There are **restrooms** located in the basement of this building and on the ground floor of the hallway leading to our fellowship hall and on each floor of the educational building.

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<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	
<u>MINISTERS</u>	The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>	Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>	Marvis McNeil
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m. Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m. Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m. Barb Szczesniak
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Sue Robb
	9:00 a.m. Janice Boboltz
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Dennis and Sherry McDonald
	9:00 a.m. Nancy St. Onge, Nancy Smithem
	Jesse and Jessica O'Neil, Mary Senchuk
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m. Emily Smith
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

*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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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*



**October 1, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**October 2, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 1, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**October 2, 2022 - 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! Celebrations of birthdays, Anniversaries and a time to welcome our guests. The offering will be received at the back and front of the church building. We ask that you fill out the communion card and place it in the offering plate in the front or back of the church before you depart the church.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(Please Stand)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**                      “God Is Here!”                      (Red) #526, vs. 1,3,& 4

**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.**

**Worship on the Beach** was rescheduled, due to weather, and will be held this Saturday, October 1 at 7:00 P.M. You are invited to bring a friend, a beverage of choice, a lawn chair, snacks and a joyful spirit. Saturday Night services will continue at 5:30. We will carpool from the church and travel to the beach property at 6:30. The service and time of fellowship will last from 7:00-9:00. **Fireside Chats, which was cancelled due to weather last week will be held on Sunday, October 2,** at Pastor Shipman’s (1921 Long Rapids Road) home at 5:00 p.m.

**Do you like to be outdoors,** enjoy a leisurely stroll, enjoy fellowship with other servant leaders? Join us for our next Highway Pickup as we help restore beauty to our community, Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon.

**The Soul Sisters,** and all others interested, will be making an adorable pumpkin out of a sweater on **October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the multi-purpose room. Stuffing, twine and a sweater will be provided. Bring your own decorating items and hot glue gun, if you have one. There will be a minimal fee of \$7.00. If you can’t afford that, please talk with Pastor John. Please join us! Call Sue Moggie with questions or to RSVP, 989-590-0600.

**The Singles Retreat is set for October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** Come explore the vision of “The Single Life in Christ.” The event will take place at 1921 Long Rapids Road and there is no cost associated with this event. Ages 18-100 are invited to discover God’s faithfulness in your journey.

**Our annual congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>,** after the 9:00 a.m. service. Please note that there will only be one service that weekend. Packets are available in the Narthex, one per family please.

**Our October Service Activity is Ella White Elementary School.** Items needed: pants – kid sizes 6 through 14, plain t-shirts – sizes 5-8, gloves, socks, and snacks. Please leave your items on the altar.

**St. Paul’s Eucharistic Ministry:** We have trained Eucharistic Ministers who will take communion kits to shut-ins on a regular basis. Questions? Contact Esther Kindt at 471-2274.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 2 –9, 2022	
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.; Highway Pick-up – 12:00; Fireside Chat (at Shipman’s –1921 Long Rapids Rd) - 5:00
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Forget-Me-Nots (JJs) – 12:00 p.m.; Education – 5:30 p.m.; Cub Scouts - 5:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Gnomes - 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts - 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Women’s Breakfast – 7:30 a.m.; Matthew Bible Study – 1:00 & 5:30 p.m.; Fearless Book Study – 5:30 p.m.; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m.; Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship (JJ’s)–7:00 a.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Yoga – 5:30 p.m.; Singles@St.Paul – 6:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Sunday Worship/HC–9:00; Fellowship–10:00; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church and C.I.A. (Youth) –10:30 a.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** June Sylvester, James Majewski, Jerry Swanson, Annette Wade, Zay, Shirley Jones, Sandra Christopherson, Lisa Hilberg, Larkin Kerby, George & Dena Stevens, Harrison Hoppe, Susan Kaiser, William Taylor, John Wegmeyer, Gus Schultz, Elaine Kingsbury, Meredith (Colby) Smith, Peter Roznowski, Dorothy LaFleche, Sally Barney, Donna Kowalski, Joel Foster, Nancy Chrzan, Hattie Sheppler, Lori Ludwig, Phyllis Robb, Eugene Brooks, Bodo Hanson, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Eleanor Schellie, Audrey Reck, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. *We also remember our homebound members.* They are: Geraldine Wyman, Harriet Burke, Virginia Kraft, Deb Lange, Phyllis Robb, and Delores Stevens. *(Prayer is the best medicine and we are prepared to pray indefinitely for folks. Would you please help the church office keep our list current? Unless we know otherwise, our normal practice is to remove names after a month. Thank you for your partnership in prayer.)*

**We remember our prayer partners** in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Faith Lutheran Church, Sidney, Rev. John Autio

**We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.** This week we specifically pray for the Worship Committee.

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of Alvin Sharp, who joined our Lord in eternity September 26, 2022.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given with gratitude for the life of our father, Leonard Boboltz, in memory of his October 1, 1913 birthdate, from daughters Juliana and Janice.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>		<u>END OF AUGUST</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (09/24) 5:30 p.m.	63	Income 26,170.10	206,868.67
Sunday (09/25) 9:00 a.m.	55	Expenses <u>26,416.90</u>	<u>211,797.54</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>15</u>	Difference (-246.80)	(-4,928.87)
Total	133		

**The Adventure Club will meet on Sunday October 16th from 1 - 3 PM at 5868 Dietz Road, Alpena.** We will have pumpkin carving, cider & cookies, games, and get your picture with a long horn cow. Bring your spirit of adventure and hope as you explore and share your faith through fun, adventure, and food within this intergenerational educational experience. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1-105 years old. **We need pumpkins for this outing.** Please call the office if you have some to donate.

**Join us for our Autumn Educational Opportunities, which run through October 28.** Pastor John is holding a Bible Study on Matthew and Miss Nena is leading a Book Study on “Fearless, Ordinary Women of the Bible who dared to do Extraordinary Things,” by Angela Donadio. Each class length is 1 hour. Pastor John’s classes meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 and 5:30 PM and Miss Nena’s class also meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

**The Forget-Me-Nots will next meet for lunch on Tuesday, October 4 at noon at JJ’s.** Please call Ann Hardesty (989-590-2055) before Friday, September 30 so that I can give JJ’s an accurate count of how many will be attending. Thank you. We hope to see you there!

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup> O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>1</sup> I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. <sup>4</sup> Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9 (Read Responsively)**

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, **for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

**Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother



Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

(Red) #818

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to 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.

Pastor: 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.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Perspective”

Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

(Red) #759

**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**

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

**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

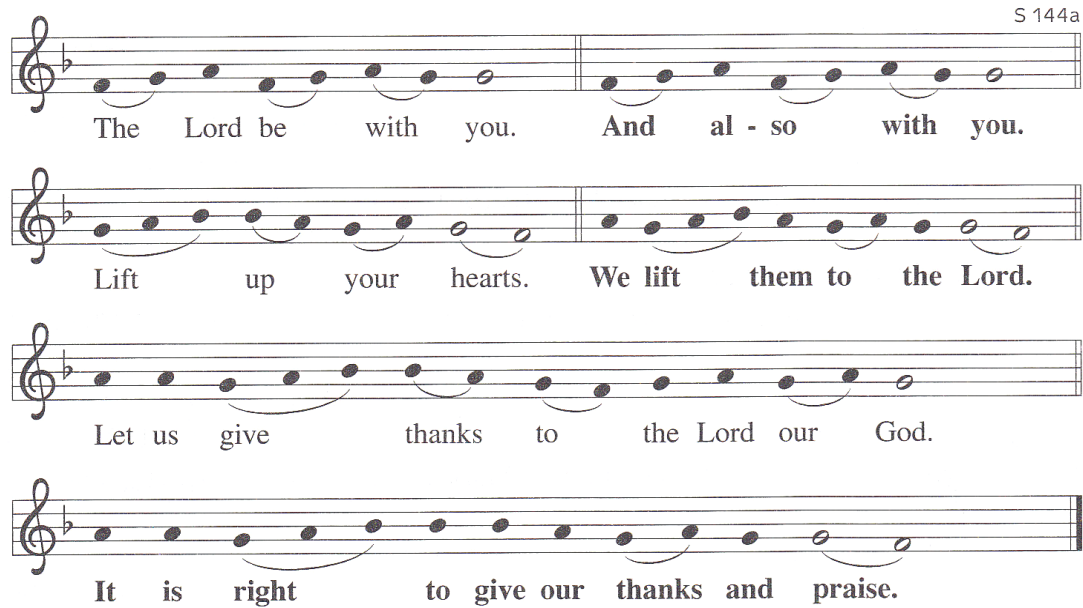
Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

*(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

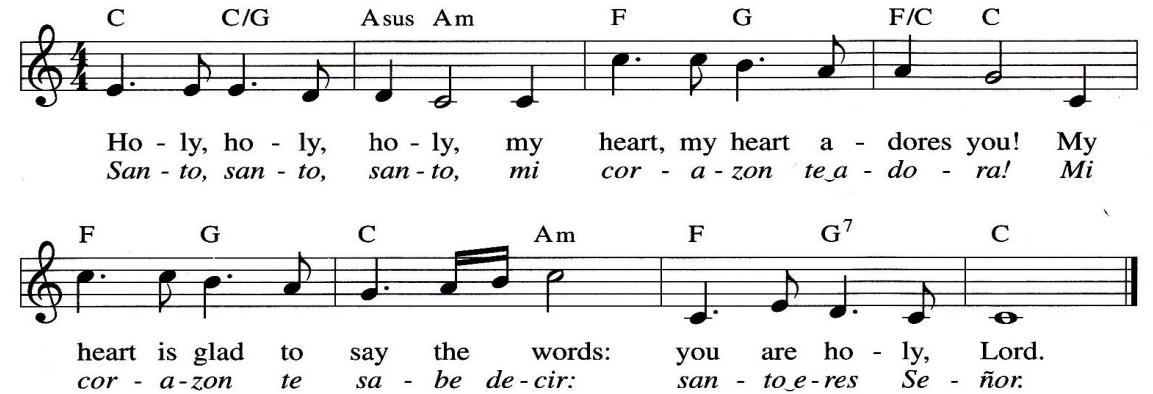
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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



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

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.**

*(Please be seated)*

### 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"