

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

MINISTERS

PASTOR

VICAR

ORGANIST

CHOIR DIRECTOR

ASSISTING MINISTER

5:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

LECTOR

5:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

USHERS & GREETERS

5:30 p.m.

9:00 am.

ACOLYTE

9:00 a.m.

ALTAR CARE

The People of God

Rev. John Shipman

Troy Spencer

Marvis McNeil

Marty Cantleberry

Annie Olsen

Danielle McDonald

Vicar Troy Spencer

Vicar Troy Spencer

Patti Byce

Amy Sharp, Ryan Panknin

Dennis and Lori Dziesinski

Cayden Smith

Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

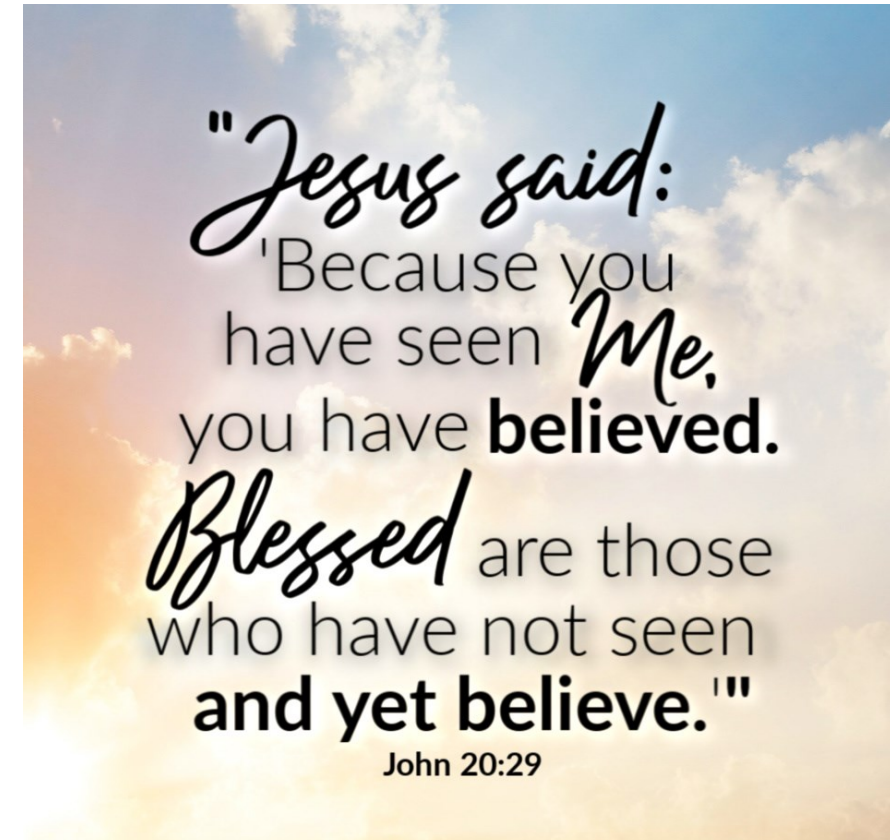
St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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April 10, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

April 11, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

If you ordered Easter flowers, or would just like one, please take them home with you today. Thanks!

Scholarship Items

- ◆ **St. Paul Scholarship Committee will be awarding a \$500 scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year** to a 2021 graduating senior (preference) or current college student. Applications will be available shortly and must be completed and returned by April 30th. Members interested in supporting this year's scholarship or a planned \$25,000 endowed scholarship may forward their contribution to the church office.
- ◆ **Do you have bottles and cans that are piling up?** The Scholarship Committee is collecting bottle returns for the Scholarship fund, if you have returns you can drop them off at the church. There is a janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre street side you can place them in there. We ask that you don't include water bottles or anything else that is not returnable. Thank you.

150th Anniversary News!

- ◇ **We are putting together a photo album of St. Paul Confirmation Classes.** Seeking copies of any of the following years: Any year earlier than 1921, 1921-26, 28-31, 33-34, 36, 39-41, 43, 46, 62, 65-68, 70-72, 74-76, 78, 89, 2001, 2003-2009, 2011-to date. If you have one of the year's mentioned, please provide a copy for the album. We are looking for a confirmation group photo, not individual photos. Please drop-off at the office. *The deadline is April 15th.* Also, we are still looking for wedding pictures of anyone married at St. Paul in last 150 years. The deadline for wedding pictures is April. *Thank You.*
- ◇ **There are recipe collection boxes for our cookbook in the narthex,** the window across from the elevator and in Nena's office. Please print legibly, sign your name, make directions clear and concise and include any interesting notes about the recipes. *Deadline for recipes is April 15th.* Any questions, call Lori at 356-4753.
- ◇ **We would also like to honor those who have served in the military** during this celebration year. If you know someone in the congregation that has served in the military since World War 2, please send an email to nenastpaul.org or call the office, with their name and approximate dates of service, so we can have a comprehensive list. The deadline to get names to us is April 30th. Thank you!

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 start dropping your items off in room 103 beginning in May. If you have any questions please contact Andrea at 354-3651.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 11 – 18, 2021

<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school –10:30; Contemporary Service & Children's Ch.– 10:30
<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>THURS.</u>	Men's Fellowship at JJ's –7:00 a.m.; Girl Scouts – 4:15 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school –10:30; Contemporary Service & Children's Ch.– 10:30

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:
*Peace Lutheran Church, Charlotte, Rev. Neil Brady

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

CONDOLENCES TO the family and friends of Betty Kollin who joined our Lord in eternity April 4, 2021. A private graveside service will take place at a later date.

CONDOLENCES TO the family and friends of Doris Knechtel who joined our Lord in eternity April 8, 2021. Her funeral service will be on Monday, April 12th, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given in loving memory of my mother Ada Precour from Barbara Crittenden.

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.

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.

Our April Service Activity is Wilson Elementary School. Items needed: dry erase makers (4 pack), drawing paper, pencil top erasers, colored pencils, disinfecting wipes, 3 pronged folders with pockets. Please leave items on the altar.

The Men are meeting on Thursday evening, April 29th, at 6:00 p.m. All men are invited to this gathering and a meal will be served. Please come and be part of these monthly gatherings.

The Stitched Together Group will begin meeting again on the 4th Thursdays of the month, starting April 22nd! Come enjoy some fellowship and get some work done on your projects!

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
April 11, 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. Through God's 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 “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” (vs. 1, 3, 5)

SERMON NOTES



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor’s
- 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yaw - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav’n’s high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death’s sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenium*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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. Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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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FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 133 (Read Responsively)

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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, 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. John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

SENDING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest.

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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.

ENDING PRAYER

Let us pray: Wellspring of joy, by grace 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

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON

“Receive In Joy”

Vicar Troy Spencer

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.**

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.