

### 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>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Iris Arthur
	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Elaine Kingsbury
	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Burton
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m.	Justin MacKay, Ashley Reed
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 am.	Mary Jo Beck, Paul Kieliszewski
		Richard Miller, Tim Moggie
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

*We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.*

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

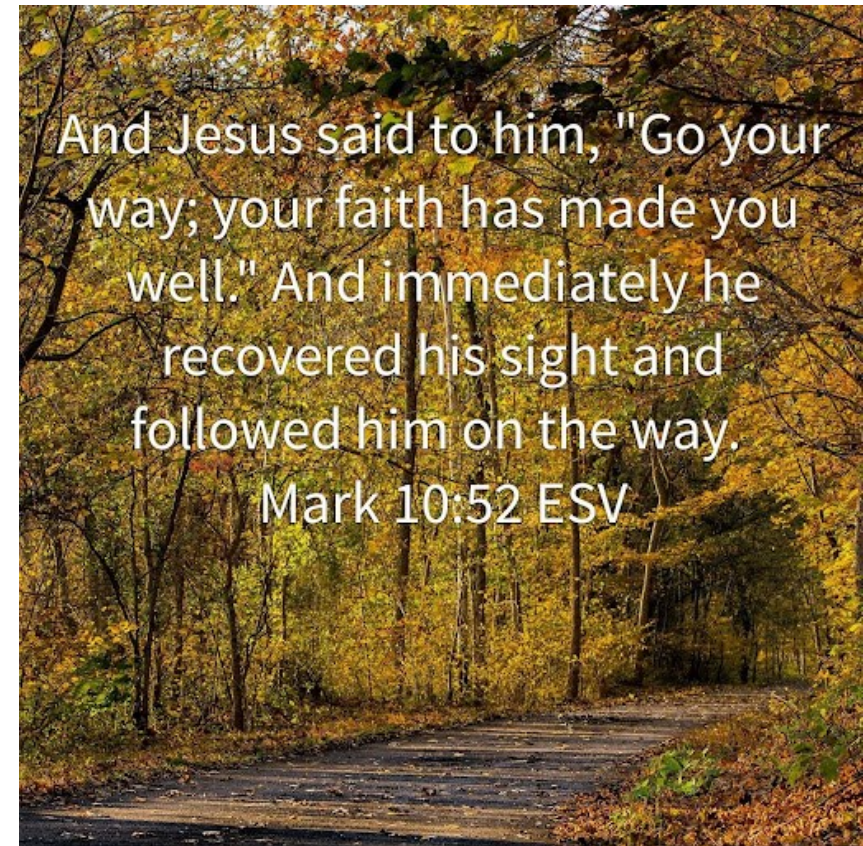
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*



**October 23, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**October 24, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 23, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**October 24, 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! 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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. 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.**

**GATHERING HYMN**      “God, Whose Almighty Word”      (Red) #673

**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.**

**The Forget-Me-Knots will meet for lunch at 11:30 on Tuesday, November 2, at the 19th Hole Restaurant.** Please call Ann Hardesty (471-5304) by October 31 to make a reservation. Hope to see you there!

**The St. Paul Christmas Bazaar is November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room.** Tickets for the luncheon are now available for sale either at the church office, or before and after services. The proceeds from the Bazaar will go to new flooring for the Sanctuary. We will tithe 10% of the day’s profits to Trinity Episcopal Church’s Sunday Supper. If you have any questions call Lori at 356-4753 or Esther at 471-2274. See you there!

**Confirmation Celebration will be on November 7<sup>th</sup>.** Confirmation is a faith filled journey with opportunities to learn and grown within community. We celebrate the hard work of Evan McDonald, Alayna Krey and Cayden Smith and we welcome them to serve alongside us at St. Paul.

**We will have a November Video Educational Experience** on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We will be watching “The War Room” and discussing it. A meal is provided. All are welcome.

**A Women’s Retreat is set for November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.** Our theme is “Bad Women of the Bible and what we can learn from them.” The event will take place at 1921 Long Rapids Road and there is no cost associated with this event. Women ages 18-100 are invited to discover God’s faithfulness in your faith journey. Please call the church office to sign up. It is limited to the first 20 ladies.

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran wants to be part of the **Bolenz Jewelry Holiday Parade** on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Danielle McDonald is leading our team forward to assemble the float. Please speak with her if you are interested in helping. Her phone number is 616-322-7958.

**Come join us for weekend Fellowship.** On Saturday Night we meet before the service at 4:30 for coffee and baked goods until 5:20. Fellowship for the 9:00 service and the 10:30 service will occur in-between the service time. Everyone is invited to join us.

**Needed:** Ice cream pails for the church kitchen. If you have some to donate please leave them on the counter in the kitchen. *Thank you.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 24 - 31, 2021	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school – 10:30; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Dinner on a Doorknob – 9:00 a.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s – 7:00 a.m.; Stitched Together – 11:00 a.m.; Leadership Book Study – 6:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.; Boy Scout’s Potato and Dessert Dinner – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school – 10:30; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Randy Donakowski, John Tinker, Teddy Hein, Gladys Kelsey, Nathan LeTourneau, Maryanna Miller, Bodo Hanson, Al Sharp, Pete Creguer, Roy Sommerfeld, Howard & Gloria Lumsden, Rosely Taylor, Natalie, Sally Barney, Gary Rich, Dorothy Carr, Peter Brown, Melissa Smith, Sutton Badder, Randy Byard, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttill, Eleanor Schellie, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, 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, Holland, Pastor Clay Bates

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	END OF SEPT.	YEAR TO DATE
Sunday (10/17) 9:00 a.m. - 82	Income 22,917.37	226,101.28
	Expenses <u>20,464.18</u>	<u>223,157.44</u>
	Difference 2,453.19	2,943.84

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** are given in memory of Allen Ludwig and Gerry Ludwig from Lori.

**Our October Service Activity is the All Saints School.** Items Needed: Play Doh, flash cards, pencils, pencil sharpeners, finger paint, wide ruled paper, pocket folders, Clorox wipes, and paper towels. Please leave items on the altar. Thanks!

**We are looking for servant leaders** to help in children's church and also the Adventure Club. Please call the church office (356-1658) if you are interested. Thank you.

**The Soul Sisters" are meeting on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. to work on updating the church holiday decorations.** If you have a pair of needle nose pliers or a glue gun, please bring them. ALL are welcome to come and help us!

**Interested in reaching out a caring hand in our community?** Come join the Stephen Ministry Team for an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 27 at 7 pm, to learn more about this ministry opportunities. Please contact the office if you plan to attend.

**Boy Scout Troop 92 will have a Potato and Dessert Dinner** on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Adults are \$12.00 and children 8 and under are \$6.00. Make plans now to attend.

**The historical scrapbooks have been moved to the Banner Room,** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at the top of the stairs. They will be there through October and then will be moved to the safe. The copier has also been moved to the Banner Room.

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

<sup>7</sup>For thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel.' <sup>8</sup>Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who is in travail, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and E'phraim is my first-born.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 126 (Read Responsively)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb!**

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!

**He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. <sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." <sup>3</sup>The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. <sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb! <sup>5</sup>May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy! <sup>6</sup>He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**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, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52**

<sup>46</sup> And they came to Jericho; and as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimae'us, a blind beggar, the son of Timae'us, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup> And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight." <sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**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: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

(Red) #820

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Take Heart”

Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (Red) #779

**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 abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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

C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - does you! My  
*San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi*

F G C Am F G<sup>7</sup> 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.*

### 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.

*(Pleased 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"

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.**