

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.*

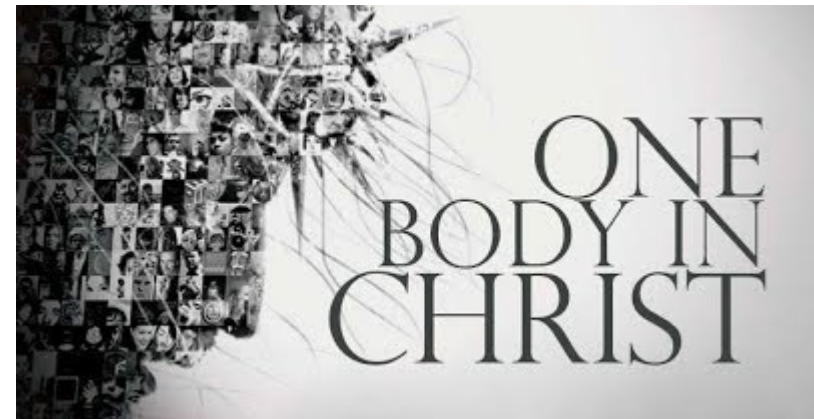
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*COMMUNITY SUNDAY SERVICE*

*September 29, 2019*

*9:00 a.m.*

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Community Service**  
**September 29, 2019—9:00 a.m.**

*(Congregational responses are printed in bold)*

**Temple Talk - Hope Shores Alliance**

**Welcome**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      “For the Fruit of All Creation”

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our helper,  
**we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

**GATHERING HYMN**                      “Gather Us In”    (Red) #532

**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.**

**Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house for a fireside chat on September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00.** We will sit by the firepit by the river (or in the house) and talk about life, hope, grace and the love of God (no agenda). Come for 15 minutes or for 2 hours. Their address is 1921 Long Rapids Road.

We will have our seventh annual **Blessing of the Animals Service** in the St. Paul parking lot on Saturday, **October 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** All of God’s creatures welcome!

**The Women age 70 and older met on Tuesday, Sept.17, 2019 –sorry you missed it.** Come and be a part of our group when we meet for lunch on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at The 19<sup>th</sup> Hole, 12:30 p.m. “The Old Broads” will welcome you. For more information contact Myra at 354-4046 or Iris at 354-2553.

**The 2019 Harvest Dinner was a wonderful success!** A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped, the workers, people who donated, the people who attended and the organizers - Andrea Dutcher, Donna Kensa and Dixie Weiler. It was a great time! The proceeds were \$2116.88 and are going to D.A.V. for their new van. Blessings to all of you... *The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.* Numbers 6:24-26

**The Annual Meeting** of the St. Paul Lutheran Church Congregation will be Sunday, October 20 with a Potluck Brunch at 10:30 a.m., with the meeting following. Please join us!

**Our 10:30 Contemporary Worship Service and Sunday School has started.** This service takes place in our multi-purpose room. The children begin in worship and then they depart for class. Their parents and everyone else who would like to worship remains behind (in our multi-purpose room). If you are interested in helping with audio-visual or fellowship issues please speak with Pastor John. Come and be part of this new experience, be inspired and celebrate Christ in a contemporary setting.

Please note: There will be a **Bazaar Meeting** on Monday, October 7th, in the lounge.

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 29—OCTOBER 6, 2019**

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| <b><u>SUN.</u></b>   | Worship/HC-9:00; Community Sunday Service (Potluck Brunch following service); Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.; Fireside Chat – 5:00 p.m. at Pastor John and Nena’s home |
| <b><u>MON.</u></b>   | Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.  |
| <b><u>TUES.</u></b>  | The Old Broads – 19 <sup>th</sup> Hole – 12:30 p.m.; T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl—6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.  |
| <b><u>WED.</u></b>   | Esther Study – 1:00 p.m.; Choir Rehearsal – 5:30 p.m.; Pilgrim’s Progress – 6:00 p.m.; Property Committee—7:00 p.m.  |
| <b><u>THURS.</u></b> | Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s – 7:00 a.m.; Lois Circle (JJs)—11:30 a.m.; Quilt Group—5:00 p.m.  |
| <b><u>SAT.</u></b>   | Blessing of the Animals – 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.; Fellowship-4:30; Worship Service/HC – 5:30   |
| <b><u>SUN.</u></b>   | Worship/HC-9:00; Fellowship—10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Worship Service & Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.  |

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Tom Splitt, Tim Grossman, Melinda Nordstrand, Suzanne Schmidt, David Usher, Joyce MacAdam, Tiffany Spierling, 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 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, Hillsdale, Rev. Jessica Hahn

**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 Catherine Hawks, who joined our Lord in eternity September 24, 2019. Her funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church on September 28, 2019.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			JUNE	YTD
Saturday (09/21) 5:30 p.m.	61	Income	18,582.16	113,456.24
Sunday (09/22) 9:00 a.m.	64	Expenses	24,763.93	134,140.64
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	<u>28</u>	Difference	(6,181.77)	(20,684.40)
Total	153			

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** (foot of the cross) are given: Happy 97th birthday Bob Seguin, your memory will last forever, from Kathy and Barb and families.

**ADDITIONAL FLOWERS** are given in honor of Pastor John and Nena on their Wedding Anniversary, September 29th, from Richard and Maryanna Miller.

**ADDITIONAL FLOWERS** are given in memory of Howard Kelm who passed away September 30, 1997 from his wife, Harriett and daughters Connie and Pat.

**The Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner will be October 13th at the APlex.** Tickets are on sale for this event at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran, The Alpena News and Neiman's Family Market. The dinner is donated by Jon Benson of JJ's Catering. There will be a Silent Auction, Chinese Raffle, and Door Prizes. Make sure to join us for lots of fun, great food, and fellowship! Please turn Raffle Tickets into the church office or Kathy Burton by 9/30/19. We need to know how many tickets are left to try to get them all sold.

## Hymn of Praise



**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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



### 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.**

### 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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

(Red) #879

#### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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### FIRST READING: Amos 6:1, 4-7

<sup>1</sup> Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts!  
<sup>4</sup> Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; <sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

**Praise the Lord!**

### SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God,

who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you<sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.<sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.<sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,<sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

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.

**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.

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.

**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”

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

**Children’s Message/Noisy Offering**

**“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

“There Is Comfort Here”

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

(Red) # 858

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** “Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

**“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: