

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.

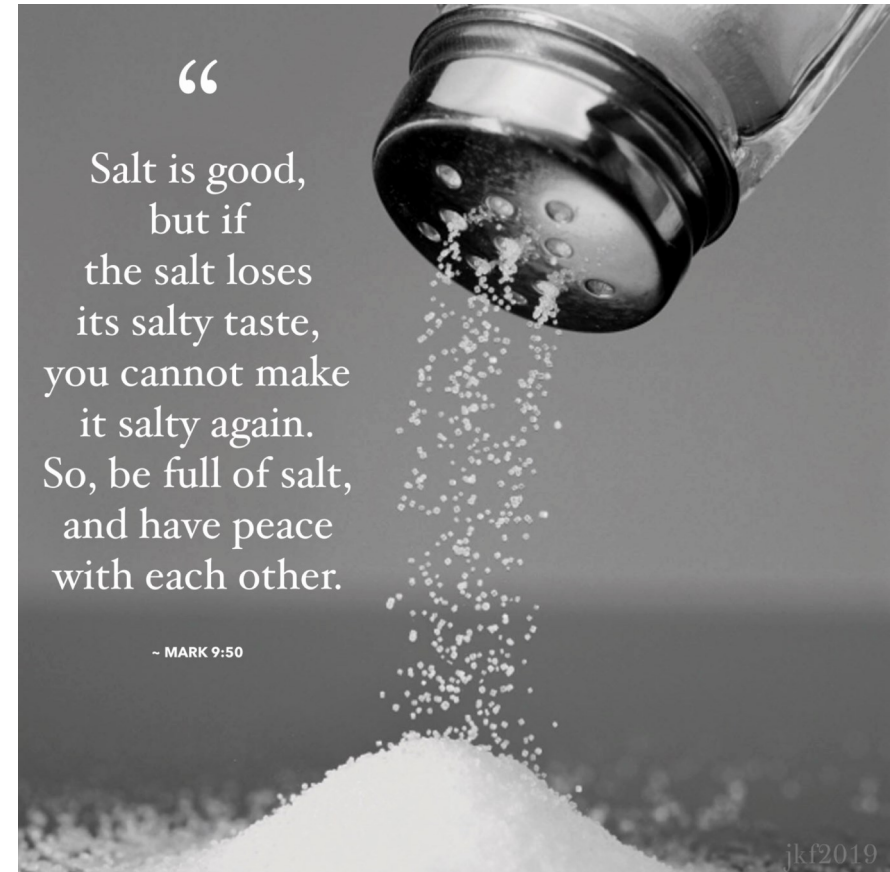
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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.

<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.	Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Anita Laub
	9:00 a.m.	Justin MacKay, Ashley Reed
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Cindy Tchorzynski
	9:00 am.	Owen Werth
		Richard Miller, Tim Moggie
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Patti Byce and Carol Kindt

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

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Worship Service
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September 25, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
September 26, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
September 26, 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 “Oh, Sing to the Lord” (Red) #822

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.

We will celebrate our last Worship on the Beach of the season on September 25 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. If there is rain, we will reschedule.

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to a fireside chat at their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) on Sunday, September 26th, from 5:00-7:00. We will sit by the firepit by the river (or in the house or gazebo) and talk about life, hope, grace and the love of God (no agenda). This is a gift from Nena and I so nothing is required to be part of this experience. Come for 15 minutes or for 2 hours.

The Soul Sisters have arranged for a “Pumpkin Themed” craft event with the “Bee Creative in the Mitten” girls on Tuesday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. We will be decorating a wire pumpkin, with lots of different colors/items offered so you can decorate to suit your own taste/style. The cost is \$35.00 and pumpkin snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Shirley Jones by email (jonesshirley812gmail.com) or phone (989-464-6472) by Thursday September 23rd. **The Soul Sister’s last kayaking event will be Wednesday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m.,** weather permitting. We will meet at Squaw Bay. Come and bring a friend.

The Forget-Me-Knots will next meet on Tuesday, October 5 at the church picnic grounds at 11:30. We are hoping the weather will cooperate for one more meeting outdoors. Please bring a picnic lunch, a beverage and lawn chair to enjoy a time of fellowship. In case the weather is not good, we will meet in the multi-purpose room at church. Check Facebook for any change of location.

A Singles Retreat is set for October 15th & 16th for ages 18 – 100! Come explore the vision of “Living a Faithful Single Life.” There is no cost associated with the event and it will take place at 1921 Long Rapids Road.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 3, 2021	
SUN.	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.; Fireside Chat – 5:00 p.m.; Youth Group – 6:00 p.m.
MON.	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
TUES.	Dinner on a Doorknob 9:00 a.m.; Trust Committee – 5:30 p.m.; Soul Sister’s “Pumpkin Themed” Event – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
WED.	Luke Bible Study – 1:00 p.m.; Soul Sister’s Kayaking – 6:00 p.m.
THURS.	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s – 7:00 a.m.; Leadership Book Study – 6:30 p.m.
FRI.	Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.
SAT.	Blessing of the Animals – 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship Service/HC – 5:30
SUN.	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.; Highway Pickup – 12:00 noon

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Nathan LeTourneau, Maryanna Miller, Bodo Hanson, Al Sharp, Pete Creguer, Roy Sommerfeld, Howard & Gloria Lumsden, Rosely Taylor, Natalie, Sally Barney, Gary Rich, Clyde Shipman, Dorothy Carr, Peter Brown, Melissa Smith, Amy Nolan, Sutton Badder, Randy Byard, Lyla Wyman, 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 also remember our homebound members.* They are: Harriet Burke, Virginia Kraft, Virginia Beaulieu, Deb Lange, and Phyllis Robb.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Grace Lutheran Church, Hastings, Pastor Kenneth Scheck, II

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the glory of God.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Esther Meno who joined our Lord in eternity September 15, 2021.

Our September Service Activity is the Clothing Closet at Immanuel Lutheran. Items Needed: One-subject spiral notebooks, snacks and prizes (Christian oriented). Please leave items on the altar. Thanks!

Educational Opportunities: Bible studies and book studies are currently happening, which will inspire your faith walk. Each class will last for six weeks (or less) and the class length will be 1 hour. Pastor John's Class meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and Miss Nena's class meets on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. ***They will run through October 28.*** Pastor John is holding a Bible Study on Luke and Miss Nena leads a Book Study on 5 Leadership Essentials for Women. Please call the office so we know how to plan/books to order.

Highway Pickup: Do you like to be outdoors, enjoy a leisurely stroll, enjoy fellowship with other servant leaders? Please join us for our next Highway Pickup as we help restore beauty to our community, **Sunday October 3** meet at the church at noon.

The Adventure Club meets next on Wednesday, October 6th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the downstairs education rooms. 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 will have our ninth annual Blessing of the Animals Service in the St. Paul parking lot on Saturday, October 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All of God's creatures welcome!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Generous God, your Son gave us his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving; and the people of Israel also wept again, and said, "O that we had meat to eat!" ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the LORD, "Why hast thou dealt ill with thy servant? And why have I not found favor in thy sight, that thou dost lay the burden of all this people upon me?" ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I bring them forth, that thou shouldst say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries the sucking child,' to the land which thou didst swear to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If thou wilt deal thus with me, kill me at once, if I find favor in thy sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

¹⁶And the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14 (Read Responsively)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern his errors? Clear thou me from hidden faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

¹³ Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; ¹⁵ and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. ¹⁷ Eli'jah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.

¹⁹ My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

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

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

(Red) #551

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

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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 - jice 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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For he that is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward.

⁴² “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. ⁴⁹ For every one will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its saltness, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Casting Out Demons”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

(Red) #712

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

Lord, in your mercy,
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. 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

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 - 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.

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.**

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HOLY COMMUNION

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"Lamb of God"

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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the