

### 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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### PARTICIPANTS

<u>MINISTERS</u>		The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>VICAR</u>		Troy Spencer
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Vicar Troy Spencer
	9:00 a.m.	Danielle McDonald
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Annie Olsen
	9:00 a.m.	Richard Miller
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Cindy Tchorzynski
	9:00 am.	Paul Kieliszewski, Nancy Smithem
		Richard Miller, Mary Jo Beck
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Cayden Smith
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cantleberry, Carol Kindt

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

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

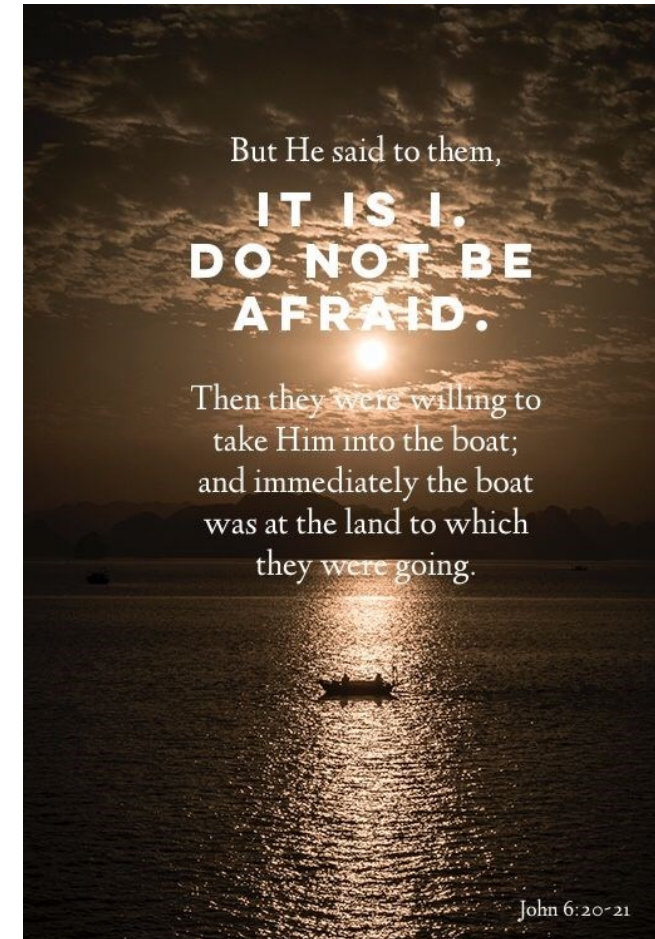
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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*Stephen Ministry Congregation*



**July 24, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**July 25, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 24, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**July 25, 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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Alleluia!**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. 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**                      "We Are Called"                      (Red) #720

**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.**

**Following the 10:30 service today, July 25<sup>th</sup>, we are looking for volunteers to help pick up the trash along highway 32 (our adopted highway). This event is a wonderful expression of celebrating God's creation in service. Please speak with Scott Brooks if you are available to help.**

**Fireside chat at the Shipmans.** Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a fireside chat in July on the 25th 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.

**Our July Service Activity is the Little Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church/ Alpena AND New Life Lutheran Church/Spruce.** Items needed: macaroni & cheese, individual breakfast cereal, pancake mix, syrup, paper towels, toilet paper, baby foods, bread, quick easy meals for one, meat in pouches, canned meat, microwavable meals, canned fruits & vegetables, snacks for kids, peanut butter & jelly. Please leave items on the altar. *Thanks.*

**The Scholarship Committee is very grateful to those that have brought in their bottle returns,** we ask that you keep them coming! The bottle returns can be place in the janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre street side. There is a sign on the door for less confusion. We are also looking for 4 to 5 people to help with returning the bottles and cans, if you would like to help please contact Val Urban 356-4613 or the church office. Thank you.

**Men's Fellowship! We are still meeting at JJ's at 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays.** This has been a great time of discussion and celebration of God at work in the church. Come and be part of this gospel expression.

**Council packets have been sent out electronically.** Printed copies will be available at Tuesday's meeting.

**We are updating our homebound member's list.** Please call the church office and let us know if you or someone you know is home bound. Thank you.

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 25—AUGUST 1, 2021</b>	
<b>SUN.</b>	Worship/HC – 9:00 – Installation of Stephen Ministers; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school–10:30; Contemporary Service & Children's Church– 10:30 a.m.; Trash Pick-Up following the 10:30 a.m. service; Fireside Chat at Shipman's house – 5:00 p.m.
<b>MON.</b>	Line Dancers – 2:00 p.m.
<b>TUES.</b>	Internship Meeting – 1:30 p.m.; Church Council—6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<b>THURS.</b>	Men's Fellowship at JJ's—7:00 a.m.
<b>FRI.</b>	Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.
<b>SAT.</b>	Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.; Worship on the Beach – 7:00 p.m.
<b>SUN.</b>	Worship/HC – 9:00; 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:** Sally Barney, Rev. Ronald Bessert, Gary Rich, Fritz Stafford, Clyde Shipman, Dorothy Carr, Peter Brown, Melissa Smith, Amy Nolan, Sutton Badder, Randy Byard, Beverly Page, Billi Jo Foster, Doris Peterson, 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:

\*Christ the King Lutheran Church, Gladwin, Rev. Emily Olsen

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

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** are given in honor of Esther Kindt on her commissioning as a Stephen Minister, and for her 30 years teaching Sunday school at St. Paul, from her family and friends.

**Worship on the Beach.** We will celebrate on the last Saturday of each month (July 31, August 28, and 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.

Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted we are doing more **Funeral Luncheons** and would like to update our information. If you would like to remain or be added to the list of those providing desserts, or be a leader of a group, please call Esther Kindt at 471-2274. If you would like to help with set up and serving, please call Juliana Specht at 354-2236.

**A Tree of Life image is on display within the Youth Ministry Room.** If you were confirmed at St. Paul and would like to have your name placed on this tree of life, please call Miss Nena or Miss Jackie for instructions how to make this happen.

**An Anonymous Donor has made a Matching Funds Donation** for Technological Updates for our Educational Wing. They will match donations given up to \$2500.00. So now is a great time to donate!

**The cookbooks are in!** You can purchase cookbooks during business hours in Nena's office or before and after church services. Any questions, call Lori at 356-4753.

**The church is in need of an electric typewriter.** Do you have one that they would like to donate?

**If you donated wedding or confirmation photos** for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration and want the original photos back, please stop in the office to pick them up.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world,, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

<sup>42</sup> A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."<sup>43</sup> But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"<sup>44</sup> He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18 (Read Responsively)

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,** to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup> **For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,** <sup>15</sup> **from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.** <sup>16</sup> **I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,** <sup>17</sup> **and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.** <sup>18</sup> **I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,** <sup>19</sup> **and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

<sup>20</sup> **Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,** <sup>21</sup> **to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

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 -  
Hal - le - lu - jah.  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 6:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

(Red) #547

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**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 - 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.**

there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON “Managing God” Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY “Break Now the Bread of Life” (Red) #515

**COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:00**

**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. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

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.

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

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 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.**

**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