

### 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.	Annie Olsen
	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Elaine Kingsbury
	9:00 a.m.	
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Barb Crittenden, Geri Hanson
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler, Pat Brodziak
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 am.	Amy Sharp, Nancy St. Onge
		Kathy Burton, Tim Moggie
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan McDonald
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Patti Byce and 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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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

Then  
**JESUS**  
said to  
His disciples,  
IF ANYONE WISHES TO COME AFTER ME,  
**HE MUST DENY HIMSELF,**  
AND  
take up  
his CROSS  
AND  
FOLLOW  
**ME.**  
MATTHEW 16:24

**September 11, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**September 12, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 11, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**September 12, 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**                      “Lift High the Cross”                      (Red) #660

**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 Adventure Club is a new educational vision that begins Sunday September 19th 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.

**Reminder:** The next Christmas Bazaar Meeting will be Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the lounge. Come join us. If you have any questions please call Lori at 356-4753.

**Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to a fireside chat at their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 are having a “Pumpkin Themed” craft event with the “Bee Creative in the Mitten” girls on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.** 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. **The Soul Sister’s next kayaking event will be Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.,** weather permitting. We will meet at Squaw Bay. Come join us and bring a friend!

**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.

**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!

**We are looking for a media coordinator** to work Monday, Friday and Sunday mornings, hours, and wages negotiable. If interested please speak with Pastor John.

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 12 - 19, 2021</b>	
<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.; Bazaar Meeting—5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts—6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches—9:30 a.m.; Stewardship—5:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Luke Bible Study—1:00 p.m.; Soul Sister’s Kayaking—6:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s—7:00 a.m.; Kitchen Krew Meeting—10:00 a.m.; Leadership Book Study—6:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship—4:30 p.m.; Worship Service/HC – 5:30
<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. Adventure Club—5:30 p.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Al Sharp, Pete Creguer, Roy Sommerfeld, Howard & Gloria Lumsden, Rosely Taylor, Natalie, Sally Barney, Gary Rich, Fritz Stafford, Clyde Shipman, Dorothy Carr, Peter Brown, Melissa Smith, Amy Nolan, Sutton Badder, Randy Byard, Lyla Wyman, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttil, 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: St. John Lutheran Church, Grayling, Supply Pastors

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

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** are given in memory of Hope Romel from Jesse and Jessica O'Neil.

**ADDITIONAL FLOWERS** are given in congratulations to Yvonne and Gary DeRosia for 52 years of marriage, from their kids.

**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!

**Today is Friendship Sunday in conjunction with the ELCA' God's work our Hands Sunday.** Let's all serve someone/someplace in Christ's name.

**Pastor John and Miss Nena planned for adult education opportunities in 2021-2022;** Bible studies and book studies to inspire your faith walk throughout the coming school year. Each class will last for six weeks (or less) and the class length will be 1 hour. Pastor John's Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and Miss Nena's class will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. *The first Autumn Educational Opportunities runs September 15 – October 28.* Pastor John will hold a Bible Study on Luke and Miss Nena will lead a Book Study on 5 Leadership Essentials for Women. Please call the office so we know how to plan/books to order.

**On September 16th at 10 A.M. all kitchen leaders are invited to attend a meeting** with Executive Chef Jessica Ziobron in the St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church Kitchen. Chef Ziobron will address kitchen best practices, answer questions, detail preparing menus, and safe procedures when using our equipment and appliances.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Bruce Anschuetz and Tamara Romel on their marriage on September 11<sup>th</sup>. They ask for your prayers as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he awakens, he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>For the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9 (Read Responsively)**

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I beseech thee, save my life!"**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**For thou hast delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

## **SECOND READING: James 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all make many mistakes, and if any one makes no mistakes in what he says he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses that they may obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also; though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

<sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining

the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by humankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening fresh water and brackish? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

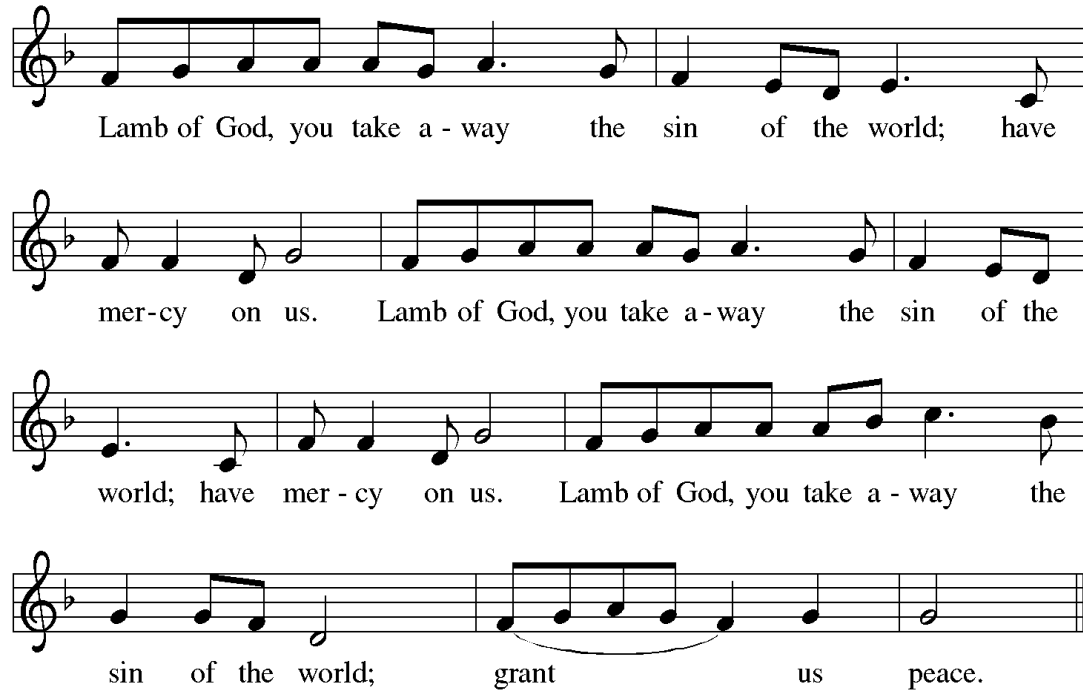
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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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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.**

### 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.

### GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup> And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesare'a Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do men say that I am?” <sup>28</sup> And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Eli'jah; and others one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup> And he charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men.”

<sup>34</sup> And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Who Are You?”

Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

(Red) #798

### 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.

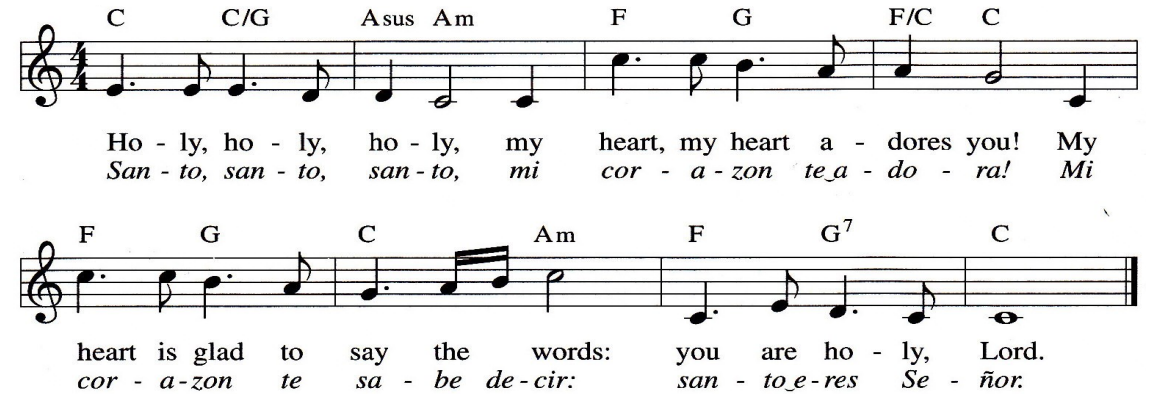
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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



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

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"