

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.

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.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m.	Vicar Troy Spencer
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 am.	Dennis Dziesinski, Ryan Panknin
		Amy Sharp, Cathy Kieliszewski
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cantleberry, Carol Kindt

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Worship Service

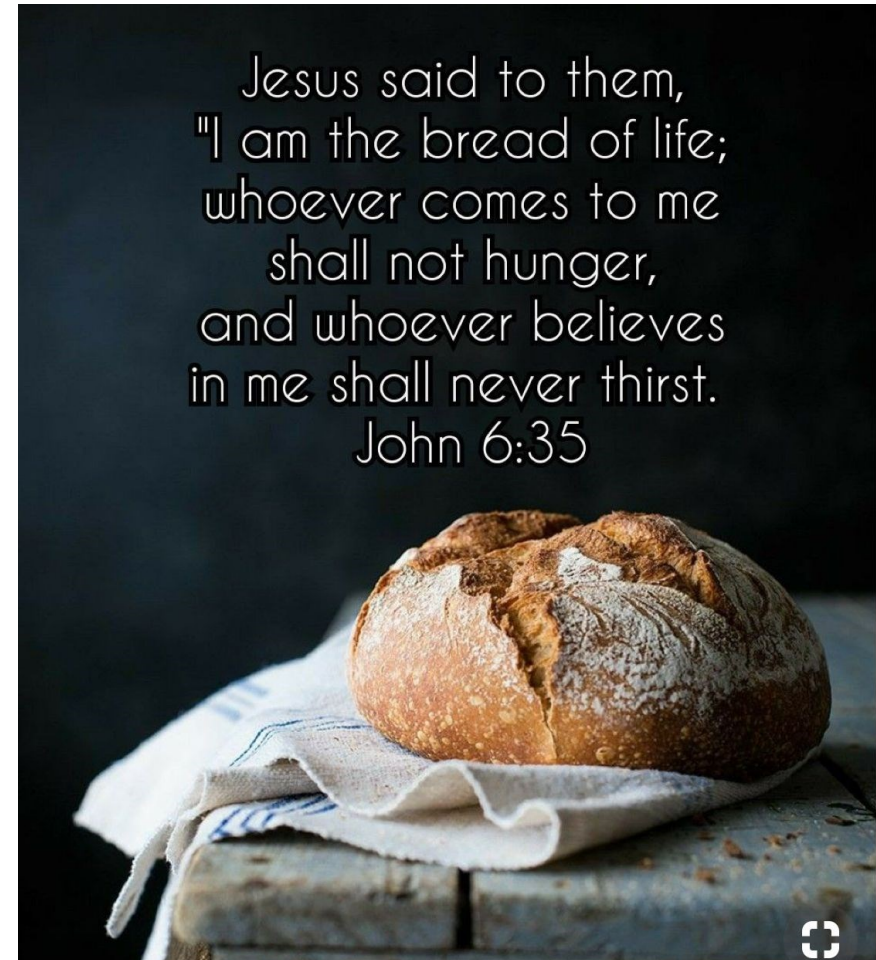
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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Stephen Ministry Congregation



Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me
shall not hunger,
and whoever believes
in me shall never thirst."
John 6:35

July 31, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
August 1, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

August 1, 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

“Shout to the Lord”

(Red) #821

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.

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!

There will be an organizational meeting for the Christmas Bazaar on Monday, August 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge. We are always in need of new members for this very worthwhile event so please try to attend. If you cannot attend but would like to participate, please call Lori at 356-4753.

On the 8th of August we will celebrate Vicar Troy with a going away dinner, 12:00 PM at the church. Barbecue Chicken is being provided and prepared and we ask that you bring a dish to pass. As a suggestion of what to bring/ for the potluck meal: Last names that begin with the letter A-G, please bring a salad; Last names that begin with the H-P please bring a side dish; Last names that begin with the Q-Z please bring a dessert.

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

Our August Service Activity is the Children's Closet at Besser Elementary School. They need children's clothing and school supplies. Please leave items on the altar. *Thanks.*

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.

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.

The Soul Sister's next kayaking event will be Wednesday, August 4th at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. We will meet at the Duck Park. Come join us and bring a friend!

The cookbooks are in! You can purchase cookbooks during business hours in Nena's office. Any questions, call Lori at 356-4753.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 1–8, 2021

<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school–10:30; Contemporary Service & Children's Church– 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancers – 2:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Forget-Me-Nots – 11:30 a.m. at the Picnic Grounds; Internship Meeting – 1:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Soul Sister's Kayaking – 6:30 p.m.; Property Committee – 7:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men's Fellowship at JJ's—7:00 a.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school–10:30; Contemporary Service & Children's Church– 10:30 a.m.; Going Away Party for Vicar Troy—12:00 p.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. **ARMED SERVICES:** Michael Emington, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Lauren Hoeksema, Alexander Gould, Andrew Hein, Mandy Killingbeck, Jacqueline Crimmins, Ashley (Dingman) Grant, Charles Tudor, Abigail Miller, Justin A. Smith, and Maragely Hein.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod:

*Settlement Lutheran Church, Gowen, Rev. Betsy Kamphuis

This week we join in prayer with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for the Music Ministry/Pray Groups at All Saints Parish.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given in loving memory of my husband Bruce "Red" Crittenden from Barbara Crittenden.

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.

We welcome Sandy Samp, Don & Shirley Kowalski, and Diane & Carmelo Busuttill as new members this weekend. It is wonderful to have them join our ministry and fellowship here at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The Forget-Me-Knots will meet at 11:30 at the church picnic grounds on Tuesday, August 3. Please bring your lunch, a beverage and a lawn chair. If you have a favorite card game or board game, bring it with you. After lunch, we can visit or play a game. Hope to see you on Tuesday!

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 help with set up and serving, please call Juliana Specht at 354-2236, or Carol Kindt at 356-9642. 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.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or not."

⁹ And Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your murmurings.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ And the Lord said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the murmurings of the people of Israel; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning dew lay round about the camp. ¹⁴ And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as hoarfrost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29 (Read Responsively)

Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;

and he rained down upon them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.

Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.

He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;

he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;

he let them fall in the midst of their camp, all around their habitations.

And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your

call, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.

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

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 "The Peace of the Lord" (Red) #646

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.

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

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

²⁴ So when the people saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Caper'na-um, seeking Jesus.
²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you; for on him has God the Father set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”
³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“In Search Of Jesusa”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

(Red) #618

Reception of New Members

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)

(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also 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 - dores 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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"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