

### 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. Annie Olen 9:00 a.m. Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m. Carol Kindt 9:00 a.m. Danielle McDonald
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Sue Robb, Jodie Lahti 9:00 a.m. Joy Brooks
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Dennis and Sherry McDonald 9:00 am. Jeff Ciupka, Paul Kieliszewski Cathy Kieliszewski, Nancy Smithem
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m. Evan Peterson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

*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*



Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.

Mark 10:14-15

**October 2, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**

**October 3, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 2, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**October 3, 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**

“God Is Here!”

(Red) #526

**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 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.

**A Singles Retreat is set for October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**On October 17th we will have one worship service at 9:00.** Following worship we will have our annual meeting. Please pick up the annual meeting packets at the back of the sanctuary and review the material prior to attending the meeting.

**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.

**St. Paul’s Eucharistic Ministry:** We have trained Eucharistic Ministers who will take communion kits to shut-ins on a regular basis. Questions? Contact Bernie at 595-6835.

**Reminder:** There will be a Bazaar Meeting on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in the lounge.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 3 - 10, 2021**

<b>SUN.</b>	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
<b>MON.</b>	Line Dancing—2:00 p.m.; Bazaar Meeting – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts—6:00 p.m.
<b>TUES.</b>	Forget-Me-Nots (at Picnic Grounds) 11:30 a.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<b>WED.</b>	Adventure Club – 5:30 p.m.; Luke Bible Study – 1:00 p.m.; Property Committee – 7:00 p.m.
<b>THURS.</b>	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s—7:00 a.m.; Leadership Book Study – 6:30 p.m.
<b>FRI.</b>	Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.
<b>SAT.</b>	Fellowship—4:30 p.m.; Worship Service/HC – 5:30
<b>SUN.</b>	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.

**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, 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, Karen Wallace, and Amy Nolan's family in this time of loss. **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: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Herron, Pastor Leslie Nye

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

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

**Our October Service Activity is the All Saints School.** Items Needed: Play Doh, flash cards, pencils, pencil sharpeners, finger paint, wide ruled paper, pocket folders, Clorox wipes, and paper towels. 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.

**We are looking for servant leaders** to help in children's church and also the Adventure Club. Please call the church office (356-1658) if you are interested. Thank you.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup> So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; <sup>22</sup> and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 8 (Read Responsively)**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth! Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted

**by the mouth of babes and infants, thou hast founded a bulwark because of thy foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established;

**what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?**

Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor.

**Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet,**

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12**

<sup>1</sup> In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs.



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. Mark.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

<sup>2</sup> And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup> He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup> They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away.” <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, “For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup> ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.”

<sup>10</sup> And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, “Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Joined Together”

Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

(Red) #656

**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 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 - 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"**

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