

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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We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Worship Service

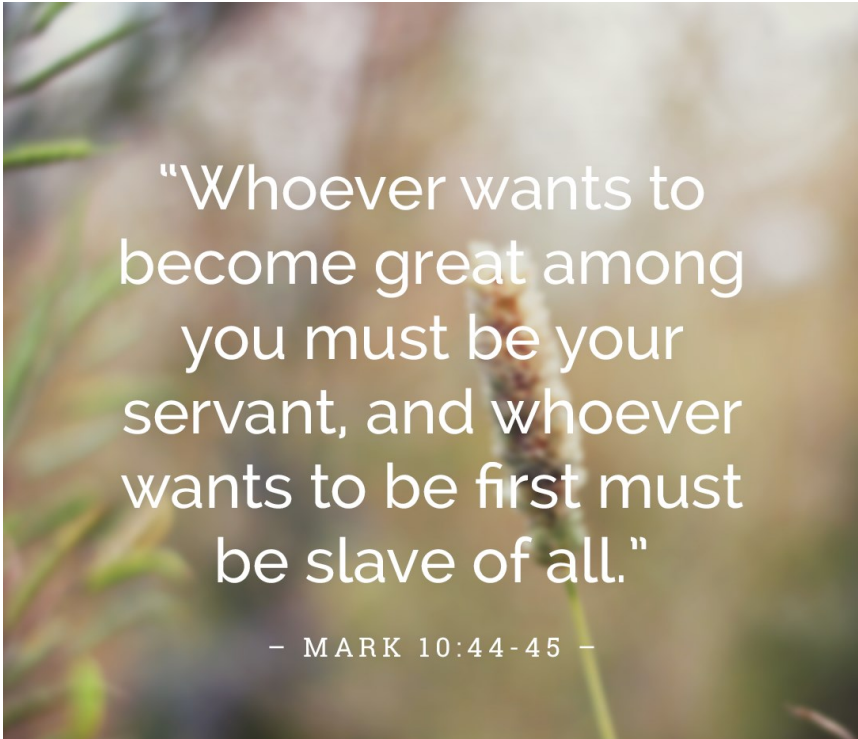
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



“Whoever wants to
become great among
you must be your
servant, and whoever
wants to be first must
be slave of all.”

— MARK 10:44-45 —

October 17, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 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.

TEMPLE TALK

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

“You Are Holy”

(Red) #525 (sing twice)

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.

Today 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.

A Women’s Retreat is set for November 12th & 13th. Our theme is “Bad Women of the Bible and what we can learn from them.” The event will take place at 1921 Long Rapids Road and there is no cost associated with this event. Women ages 18-100 are invited to discover God’s faithfulness in your faith journey.

The Soul Sisters” are meeting on Tuesday, October 26th, at 6:00 p.m. to work on updating the church holiday decorations. If you have a pair of needle nose pliers or a glue gun, please bring them. ALL are welcome to come and help us!

Boy Scout Troop 92 will have a Potato and Dessert Dinner on Friday, October 29th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Make plans now to attend.

The St. Paul Christmas Bazaar is November 6th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. Tickets for the luncheon are now available for sale either at the church office or bazaar member. The proceeds from the Bazaar will go to new flooring for the Sanctuary. We will tithe 10% of the day’s profits to Trinity Episcopal Church’s Sunday Supper. If you have any questions call Lori at 356-4753 or Esther at 471-2274. See you there!

We will have a November Video Educational Experience on November 11th at 6:00 p.m. We will be watching “The War Room” and discussing it. A meal is provided. All are welcome.

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran wants to be part of the **Bolenz Jewelry Holiday Parade** on Friday, November 26th. Danielle McDonald is leading our team forward to assemble the float. Please speak with her if you are interested in helping.

Interested in reaching out a caring hand in our community? Come join the Stephen Ministry Team for an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 27 at 7 pm, to learn more about this ministry opportunities. Please contact the office if you plan to attend.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 17–24, 2021

SUN.	Worship/HC – 9:00; Annual Meeting following the service; Adventure Club – 5:30 p.m.
MON.	Stephen Ministry Supervision – 1:00 p.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
TUES.	Senior Leaders - 5:00 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
WED.	Luke Bible Study – 1:00 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.	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
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.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Skyler Kilcrease, Teddy Hein, Gladys Kelsey, Nathan LeTourneau, Maryanna Miller, Bodo Hanson, Al Sharp, Pete Creguer, Roy Sommerfeld, Howard & Gloria Lumsden, Rosely Taylor, Natalie, Sally Barney, Gary Rich, 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 the family of Patricia Keller.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Holland, Pastor Jessica Rivera-Walker

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given in memory of Beatrice Dohn from her daughter Donna Kensa.

ADDITIONAL FLOWERS are given in celebration of Mom and Dad (Bob & Judy Hand) on their 58th Wedding Anniversary from Brian, Tina, Zach and Garrett.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Donald Levren who joined our Lord in eternity on October 5, 2021. His funeral service was held at St. Paul on October 11, 2021.

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!

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.

The Adventure Club meets next on Sunday, October 17th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the downstairs education rooms. The theme will be "Dress for Success." 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.

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

Needed: Ice cream pails for the church kitchen. If you have some to donate please leave them on the counter in the kitchen. *Thank you.*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days; he will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand; ¹¹ he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16 (Read Responsively)

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your habitation,
no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Because he cleaves to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchiz'edek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchiz'edek.

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 -
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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 "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" (Red) #860

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 - 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 10:35-45

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, came forward to him, and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹ And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Servant Leadership”

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

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

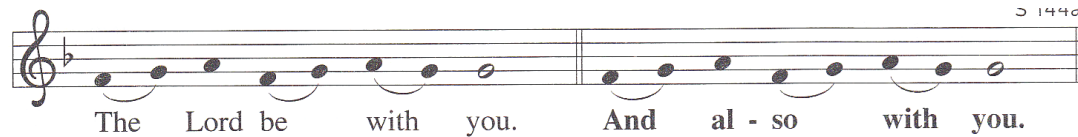
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**

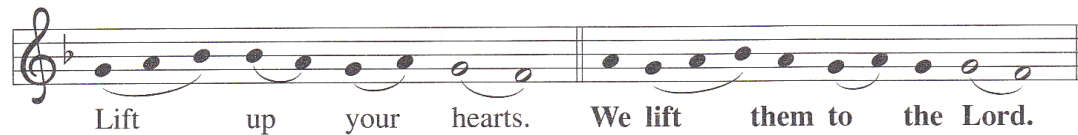
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(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)

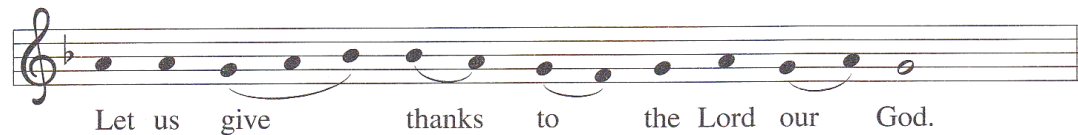
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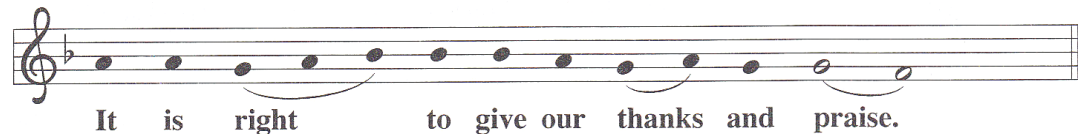
The Lord be with you. And also with you.



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.

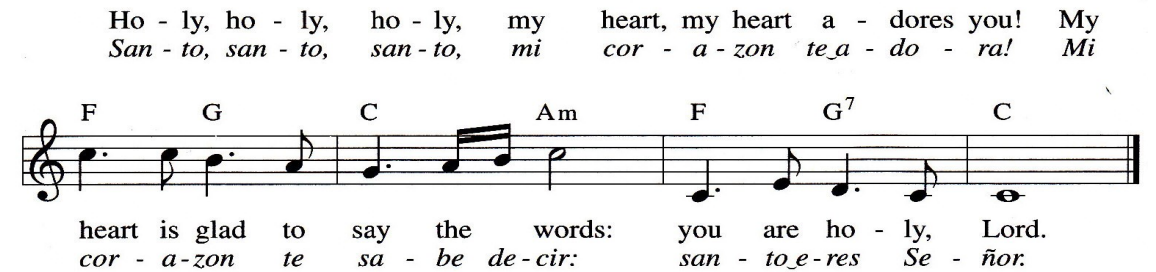
Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise . . . *(concluding)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



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.

(Please 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



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