

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.

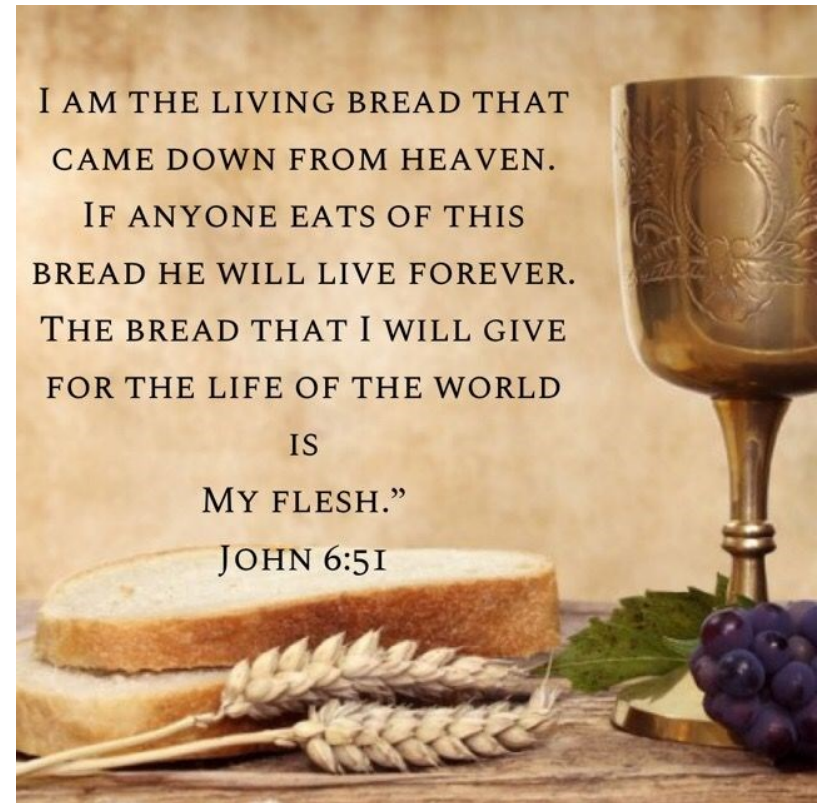
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PARTICIPANTS

<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.	Annie Olsen
	9:00 a.m.	Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Danielle McDonald
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 am.	Jeff Ciupka, Kathy Burton
		Nancy St. Onge, Barb Szczesniak
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan Peterson
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Patti Byce and Laurie Stafford

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

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celebrates and shares God’s love and compassion  
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**August 7, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**August 8, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 7, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**August 8, 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**                      "All Are Welcome"                      (Red) #641

**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.**

**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.**

**We are hosting a summer Meteor Shower Viewing at our church property on August 12th & 13th at 9:30 P.M.** Please bring a snack to share and a beverage to enjoy as you rejoice within the company of fellow believers, watching this beautiful celestial event.

**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.

**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 18th at 6:30 p.m.,** weather permitting. Check Facebook or emails for location. 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 8–15, 2021	
<b>SUN.</b>	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.
<b>MON.</b>	Line Dancers – 2:00 p.m.
<b>TUES.</b>	Gratitude Lunches – 9:30 a.m.; Stewardship Committee – 5:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<b>THURS.</b>	Men's Fellowship at JJ's—7:00 a.m.; Outreach – 5:00 p.m.; Meteor Shower Viewing at Picnic Grounds – 9:30 p.m.
<b>FRI.</b>	Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.; Meteor Shower Viewing at Picnic Grounds – 9:30 p.m.
<b>SAT.</b>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship Service/HC – 5:30 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.; Newsletter Deadline

**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 remember our prayer partners** in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod:  
\*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge, Rev. Charles Foerster

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

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** are given in loving memory of my parents, Harris and Virginia Christopherson, from Sandra Christopherson.

**Worship on the Beach.** We will celebrate on the last Saturday of each month (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 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.

**There will be an organizational meeting for the Christmas Bazaar on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Forget-Me-Nots enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship at the church picnic grounds** on August 3. We decided that we would again meet there on Tuesday, September 7 at 11:30. Please bring a picnic lunch, a drink and a lawn chair. We hope you will be able to join us and also bring a friend. Ann Hardesty 471-5304

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree; and he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am no better than my fathers."<sup>5</sup> And he lay down and slept under a broom tree; and behold, an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat."<sup>6</sup> And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank, and lay down again.<sup>7</sup> And the angel of the Lord came again a second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, else the journey will be too great for you."<sup>8</sup> And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8 (Read Responsively)**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.**

.O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in him!**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25—5:2**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

<sup>5:1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: '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.'

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

**GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51**

<sup>35</sup> 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.

<sup>41</sup> The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup> They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Every one who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that any one has seen the Father except him who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which came down from heaven;

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

(Red) #538

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## 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.

## 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.

Conclusion of Service Blessing for Vicar Troy

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Food For The Journey”

Vicar Troy Spencer

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let us Break Bread Together”

(Red) #471

Renewal of Vows - Ken and Janet Burton

9:00 a.m.

**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**

God, 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. 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 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

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.

(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

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.