

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

MINISTERS

PASTOR

VICAR

ORGANIST

CHOIR DIRECTOR

ASSISTING MINISTER

5:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

LECTOR

5:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

USHERS & GREETERS

5:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

ACOLYTE

9:00 a.m.

ALTAR CARE

The People of God

Rev. John Shipman

Troy Spencer

Marvis McNeil

Marty Cantleberry

Iris Arthur

Danielle McDonald

Iris Arthur

Alayna Krey

Dennis & Sherry McDonald

Tim Moggie, Owen Werth

Richard Miller, Mary Jo Beck

Alayna Krey

Karen Hamann and Sue Robb

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

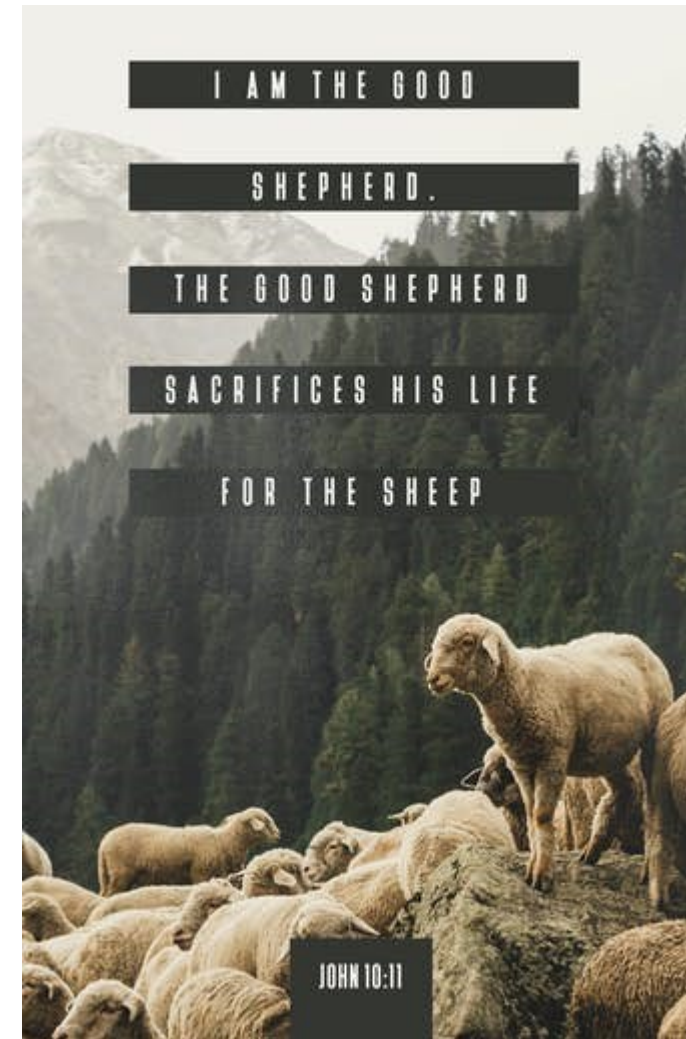
Worship Service

celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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April 24, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

April 25, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

Scholarship Items

- ◆ **St. Paul Scholarship Committee will be awarding a \$500 scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year** to a 2021 graduating senior (preference) or current college student. Applications will be available shortly and must be completed and returned by April 30th. Members interested in supporting this year's scholarship or a planned \$25,000 endowed scholarship may forward their contribution to the church office.
- ◆ **Do you have bottles and cans that are piling up?** The Scholarship Committee is collecting bottle returns for the Scholarship fund, if you have returns you can drop them off at the church. There is a janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre street side you can place them in there. We ask that you don't include water bottles or anything that is not returnable. Thank you. *The Scholarship Committee*

150th Anniversary News!

- ◇ Mark your calendars. **The 150th Anniversary Celebration will be on July 18th!**
- ◇ We are still looking for wedding pictures of anyone married at St. Paul in last 150 years. The deadline for wedding pictures is April 30th. *Thank You.*
- ◇ **We would also like to honor those who have served in the military** during this celebration year. If you know someone in the congregation that has served in the military since World War 2, please send an email to nenastpaul.org or call the office, with their name and approximate dates of service, so we can have a comprehensive list. The deadline to get names to us is April 30th. Thank you!

The "Forget-Me-Nots will begin meeting again on May 4th! They will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Multi-purpose room at 1:00. We are looking forward to getting together.

Thank you to all who baked or purchased bake goods and garden angels at the bake sale on Easter Sunday. We raised \$625.50 that will go towards the purchase of canning supplies, fruits and vegetables to can for our upcoming Christmas bazaar. Thank you and God bless.....*The Crafters*

There is a Prayer Box in the Narthex, on the table. Please fill out the blue card, next to it, and place it in the box and we will get it to the Prayer Ministry Group.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 25 – MAY 2, 2021

SUN. Worship/HC – 9:00; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school –10:30; Contemporary Service & Children's Church – 10:30 a.m.

TUES. Stephen Ministry Training –1:30 p.m. –4:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.

THURS. Men's Fellowship at JJ's –7:00 a.m.; Girl Scouts – 4:15 p.m.; Men's Event – 6:00 p.m.

SAT. Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.

SUN. Worship/HC – 9:00; 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: Billi Jo Foster, Arnie Moggie, Amanda Tolan, Amy Nolan, Jesse Gordy, Lori Ludwig, Dorothy Jury, Doris Peterson, Lyla Wyman, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttill, Eleanor Schellie, Geri Hanson, Jeff & Kendra Truman, Barb Crittenden, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Barb Skaluba, Randy Donakowski, Tim Grossman, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. *We also remember our homebound members.* They are: Gerry Ludwig, Harriet Burke, Virginia Kraft, Virginia Beaulieu, and Deb Lange.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod:
*Zion Lutheran Church, Comstock Park, Rev. Julie Schneider-Thomas

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given in loving memory of my son Michael Brown from Barbara Crittenden.

Worship has begun again in our building. Please wear a mask and remember that social distancing is in place. If you don't have a mask, we will provide one at the door. Be open to directions for your safety and the safety of others. Please no hand shaking or hugs and when communicating with others please remain at a safe distance. When sitting please listen to the usher's directions. Services will be different due to social distancing so please have an open mind/heart and rejoice that we are worshipping again.

We welcome into the kingdom of God, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism (April 25) JAMISON MARTIN SLAVEN, son of Damien Slaven and Rachel Rousseau. May our Lord surround him with his grace as he grows to know Him as Lord and Savior. His sponsors are Brianna Dault and Patrick Dunn.

Our April Service Activity is Wilson Elementary School. Items needed: dry erase makers (4 pack), drawing paper, pencil top erasers, colored pencils, disinfecting wipes, three pronged folders with pockets. Please leave items on the altar.

The Men are meeting on Thursday evening, April 29th, at 6:00 p.m. All men are invited to this gathering and a meal will be served. Please come and be part of these monthly gatherings.

St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a Garage Sale on June 10 & 11 This will be a "no clothes, no stuffed furniture, no mattresses, no computers or TVs" garage sale. Please set aside your items for this upcoming sale. Thanks so much! You may start dropping your items off in room 103 beginning in May. If you have questions please contact Andrea at 354-3651.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
April 25, 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! Please remain seated throughout the service and the offering will be received at the back and front of the church building.

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.
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 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

SERMON NOTES



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.
Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615
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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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit,



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradburv. 1816–1868

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders,⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed,¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.¹¹ This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23 (Read Responsively)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

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: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead 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; 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”

SERMON

“The Good Shepherd”

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

1 The Lord’s my shep-herd; I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,
in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e’en for his own name’s sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God’s house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e’en for his own name’s sake.
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
Music: BROTHER JAMES’ AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

BAPTISM OF JAMISON MARTIN SLAVEN

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 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 love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
 Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a
 suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

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"