

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>ORGANIST</u>	Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>	Marty Cantleberry
<u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u>	Choir
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Marty Cantleberry
<u>LECTOR</u>	Shirley Jones
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	Owen Werth, Nancy Smithem Ryan Panknin, Jeff Ciupka
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Amy Sharp, Karen Wallace, Bonnie Altman

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

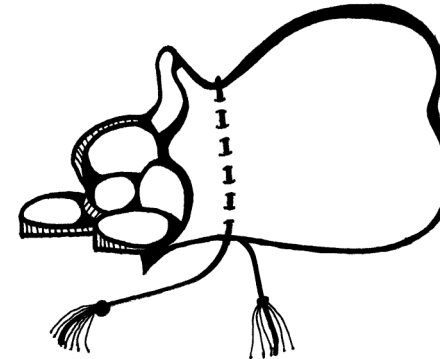
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celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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No slave can serve two masters;
for a slave will either hate the one and love the other,
or be devoted to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and wealth."

Luke 16:13

September 22, 2019
9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2019—9:00 a.m.

(Congregational responses are printed in bold)

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Enter In”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,

we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

(Red) #676

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house for a fireside chat on September 29th and October 20th from 5:00-7:00. We will sit by the firepit by the river (or in the house) and talk about life, hope, grace and the love of God (no agenda). Come for 15 minutes or for 2 hours. Their address is 1921 Long Rapids Road.

Community Sunday will take place every 5th Sunday in the calendar year. **On September 29** our entire congregation will gather on Sunday Morning at 9:00 for worship and a Breakfast Brunch Potluck meal which will follow the service. This is a special time to get to know one another, welcome our new members, revel in the past, hope for the future and celebrate in where we are now.

Hurricane Dorian fundraiser coffeehouse-September 25th at 7 PM at Grace Lutheran: Come relax and hear some great music from community performers and enjoy some refreshments as we raise money for Hurricane Dorian relief in the Bahamas and east coast. All proceeds go to the Lutheran Disaster Response, who are there for both the short term and long term needs of the island nation and other areas that were affected. 100% of the funds raised will go to the disaster relief with no administrative costs taken. We have set a goal to raise \$2,500 for this organization through contributions at this event. Suggested donation \$10/at the door.

The Women age 70 and older met on Tuesday, Sept.17, 2019 –sorry you missed it. Come and be a part of our group when we meet for lunch on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at The 19th Hole, 12:30 p.m. “The Old Broads” will welcome you. For more information contact Myra at 354-4046 or Iris at 354-2553.

Our September Service Activity is Hope Shores Alliance. Items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, cups, plates, napkins, Ziplock bags, foil wrap, plastic wrap, trash bags (13 gallon), cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, batteries (*all sizes*), baby powder, diapers (*all sizes*), large bath towels, pillows/pillow covers, sheets, blankets (*twin size*), personal hygiene items, plastic storage bins, non-perishable food items, gas cards, gift cards, copy paper, pocket folders, Forever stamps, and cash donations.

The St. Paul Episcopal Church Gospel Choir of Flint will perform Friday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 E. Washington Avenue, Alpena. The choir, under the direction of Rafeal D. McDaniel, is made up of 15-20 members of different denominations.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 22 – 29, 2019

<u>SUN.</u>	Worship Service/HC– 9:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Sunday School–10:30 a.m.; Highway Clean-Up – 1:00 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Dinner on a Doorknob – 9:00 a.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Esther Study – 1:00 p.m.; Choir Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m.; Pilgrim’s Progress – 6:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s – 7:00 a.m.; Stitched Together – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	NO Worship Service – Community Sunday Service tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC–9:00; Community Sunday Service; Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Melinda Nordstrand, Suzanne Schmidt, David Usher, Olive Ford, Joyce MacAdam, Cindy Mitchell, Tiffany Spierling, Barbara Skaluba, Baylee Jo Wirgau, Laurie Stafford, Ilse Kuhl, John David Maleport, Norma Smith, Gerry Ludwig, Deb Lange, Dennis Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Cindy Nensewitz, Sally Kosloski, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace.

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

* St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Herron, Rev. Leslie Nye

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			JUNE	YTD
Saturday (09/14) 5:30 p.m.	72	Income	18,582.16	113,456.24
Sunday (09/15) 9:00 a.m.	58	Expenses	<u>24,763.93</u>	<u>134,140.64</u>
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	<u>27</u>	Difference	(6,181.77)	(20,684.40)
Total	157			

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given to the glory of God.

Our Outreach group sponsored event of "Cleaning the Highway" is today! (The rain date is September 29th.) We clean a 3 mile stretch of M 32 by Bean Creek Road. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1 pm to carpool out there. Bring gloves and your own water bottle. Any questions contact Mary Jo Beck at (734) 476-7043, or any Outreach member.

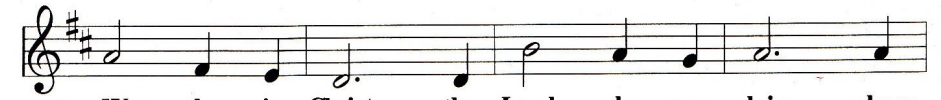
The Community Celebrating and Sharing Dinner will be October 13th at the APlex. Tickets are on sale for this event at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran, The Alpena News and Neiman's Family Market. The dinner is donated by Jon Benson of JJ's Catering. There will be a Silent Auction, Chinese Raffle, and Door Prizes. Make sure to join us for lots of fun, great food, and fellowship!

Our 10:30 Contemporary Worship Service and Sunday School has started. This service takes place in our multi-purpose room. The children begin in worship and then they depart for class. Their parents and everyone else who would like to worship remains behind (in our multi-purpose room). If you are interested in helping with audio-visual or fellowship issues please speak with Pastor John. Come and be part of this new experience, be inspired and celebrate Christ in a contemporary setting.

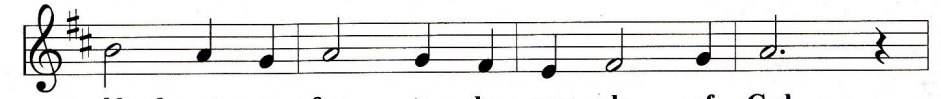
We will have our seventh annual Blessing of the Animals Service in the St. Paul parking lot on Saturday, October 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All of God's creatures welcome!



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



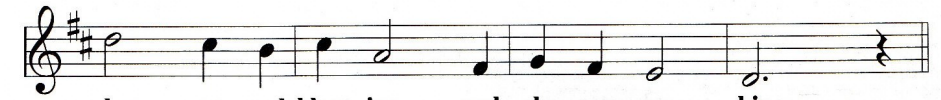
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

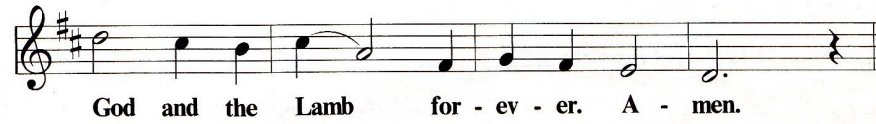


God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Sermon Notes



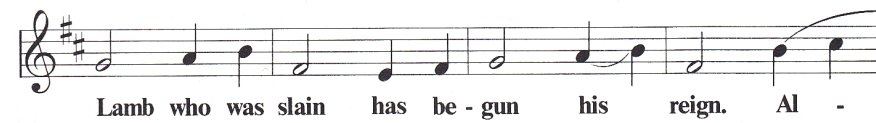
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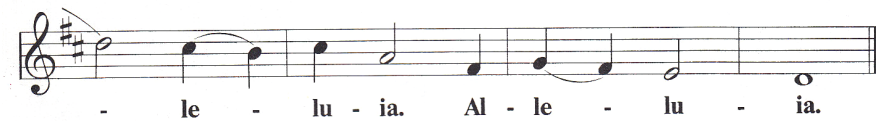
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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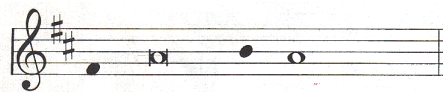


Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Let us pray. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“We Are Called”

(Red) #720

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

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FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a
pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷ The Lord has sworn by the
pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 113

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be
made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a
quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and is acceptable in
the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the
knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God
and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all —
this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I
am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

“Gospel Acclamation”

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

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

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: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ’s body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

“Lamb of God”

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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, grant us peace.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

Children’s Message

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong
Yes Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so

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SERMON

“What Will I Do Now?”

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

(Red) # 685

Confession of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING

“Great Is the Lord”

“LET THE VINEYARDS”

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.