

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.

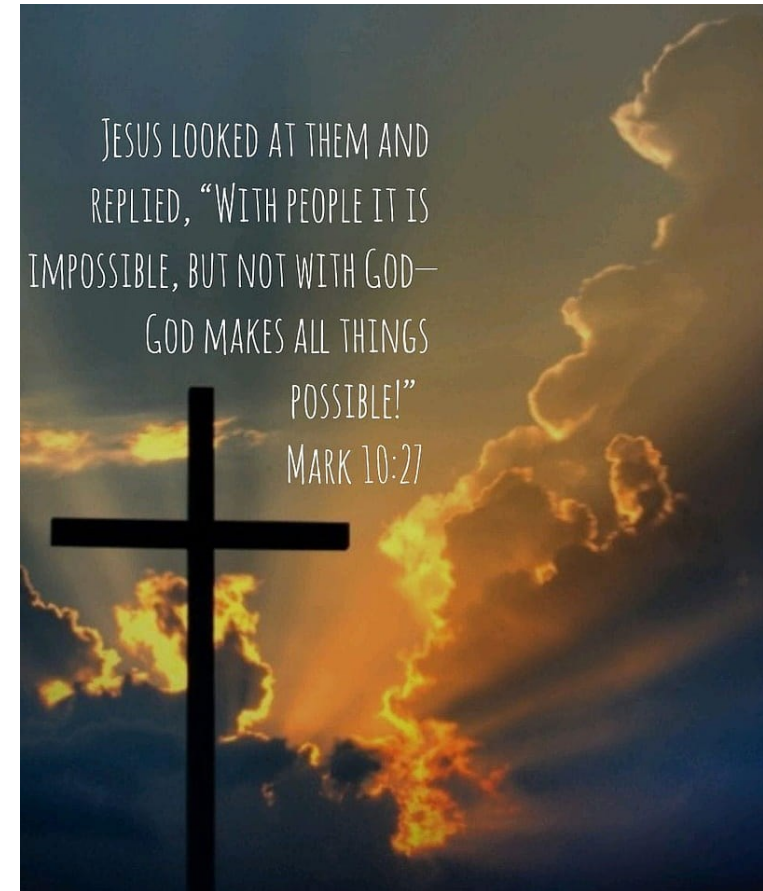
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Esther Kindt
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Barb Crittenden, Geri Hanson
	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Huggler, Pat Brodziak
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 am.	Amy Sharp, Ryan Panknin Dennis and Lori Dziesinski
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Evan McDonald
<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



October 9, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
October 10, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
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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

“Gather Us In”

(Red) #532

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.

A Singles Retreat is set for October 15th & 16th 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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 10–17, 2021	
<u>SUN.</u>	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.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing—2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts—6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches - 9:30 a.m.; Stewardship – 5:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Luke Bible Study – 1:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s—7:00 a.m.; Leadership Book Study – 6:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Newsletter Deadline; Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.; Singles Retreat – 5:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Singles Retreat – 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.; No Service
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Annual Meeting following the Service; Adventure Club – 5:30 p.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Gladys Kelsey, 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, and Karen Wallace.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Trinity Lutheran Church, Hillsdale, Pastor Jessica Hahn

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given in memory of the wedding anniversary of Leonard and Leona Boboltz, from their daughters Juliana Specht and Janice Boboltz.

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.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶ Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, ⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth!

¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Therefore because you trample upon the poor and take from him exactions of wheat, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,

and turn aside the needy in the gate. ¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17 (Read Responsively)

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on thy servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with thy steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as thou hast afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let thy work be manifest to thy servants, and thy glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 -
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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the

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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

(Red) #705

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.

commandments: ‘Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’”²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth.”²¹ And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”²² At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.”²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Lo, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.³¹ But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

(Please be seated)
SERMON

“Come and Follow”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)
HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord of Light”

(Red) #688

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