



St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

CELEBRATES AND SHARES GOD'S LOVE AND COMPASSION

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*2021 Theme:
God Knows Our Name*

150th
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

July 18, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
150th Anniversary Celebration
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

Prelude "Alleluia" Mozart

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 "I Want Jesus More than Anything"

(Please Stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor John Shipman

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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Red) #504

150th Anniversary Celebration Guide

There are numerous events going on after the service. Please stay and join us for them all, or as many as possible. Below is the list of activities.

- ◆ **Meet and greet with former pastors and leaders in the church. A special time will be held to speak with former leaders of the church in the multi-purpose room immediately following the service.**
- ◆ **Lunch with former leaders of the church will occur at 11:00 AM-1:00 PM.** JJs is catering the lunch today. Please proceed to the dining room and partake in a special meal. Feel free to visit with others, our past leaders, or take it with you as enjoy one of the activities listed below. *You can take your food at all locations, except the Sanctuary.*
- ◆ **Walk Through History (Fashion Show) will occur at 12:00** – The fashion show will be held in the Dining Room. Get ready to take a walk through time as you see the clothing from every decade, beginning with 1870 through 2021.
- ◆ **Program/Pageant will occur at 1:00 PM** - Join us in the Sanctuary for the story of St Paul as told through special Biblical Characters.

RE-OCCURRING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

A Multi-Media Presentation will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room, throughout the celebration following worship.

Historical Documents and Photos are located downstairs by the Historical Cabinet, outside the Chapel. This is available throughout the celebration following worship.

Musical celebration of St. Paul . An outside tent is located behind the church in the grass. Come on out and mingle and enjoy some great live music, following worship.

Children Faith Carnival will take place on the first floor in our newly remodeled Sunday School Rooms. Come and have fun and enjoy the laughter of Children in our church building.

Gift Bags are provided for each family in worship today. Please look inside and there may be a monetary prize within



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.

The Soul Sisters will be going kayaking again on July 21st at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. Check Facebook or emails for location. Come join us and bring a friend!

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 18–25, 2021	
<u>SUN.</u>	150 th Anniversary Celebration Worship/HC – 9:00; Lunch and Activities following the service
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancers – 4:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Gratitude Lunches – 9:30 a.m.; Internship Meeting – 1:30 p.m.; Senior Leaders – 5:00 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Soul Sister's Kayaking Event – 6:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men's Fellowship at JJ's – 7:00 a.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school–10:30; Contemporary Service & Children's Church– 10:30 a.m.

GREETING

Pastor John Shipman

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

Vicar Troy Spencer

Let us pray. O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 8:22-30

Pastor Laurin Vance

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. ²⁷"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 84 (Read Responsively)

Pastor John E. Sleziak

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:1-9

Seminarian Mary Hughes

¹ But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive opinions. They will even deny the Master who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. ² Even so, many will follow their licentious ways, and because of these teachers the way of truth will be maligned. ³ And in their greed they will exploit you with deceptive words. Their condemnation, pronounced against them long ago, has not been idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

⁴ For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of deepest darkness to be kept until the judgment; ⁵ and if he did not spare the ancient world, even though he saved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood on a world of the ungodly; ⁶ and if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction and made them an example of what is coming to the ungodly; ⁷ and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man greatly distressed by the licentiousness of the lawless ⁸ (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by their lawless deeds that he saw and heard), ⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Fritz Stafford, Clyde Shipman, Dorothy Carr, Peter Brown, Rev. Daniel Deutsch, Melissa Smith, Norm Dutcher, Amy Nolan, Sutton Badder, Ted Sommerfeld, Randy Byard, Ann Hardesty, Beverly Page, Billi Jo Foster, Doris Peterson, Lyla Wyman, Marian Dove, Dolores Summerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttil, Eleanor Schellie, Geri Hanson, 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:

*Peace Lutheran Church, Gaylord, Rev. Megan Crouch

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given in celebration of St. Paul Lutheran Church's 150th Anniversary!

Worship has begun again in our building. The wearing of masks is optional. If you want a mask and don't have one, we will provide it at the door. Be open to directions for your safety and the safety of others. Services will be different due to social distancing so please have an open mind/heart and rejoice that we are worshipping again.

Worship on the Beach. We will celebrate on the last Saturday of each month (July 31, 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.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PASTORS

Rev. H. Brueckner, Sr.	- Senior Pastor	1871-1873
Rev. C. Probst	- Senior Pastor	1873-1876
Rev. C. Schwann	- Senior Pastor	1876-1878
Candidate Buchner	- Senior Pastor	1878-1880
Rev. F. W. Wendt	- Senior Pastor	1880-1901
Rev. H. Brueckner, Jr.	- Senior Pastor	1902-1911
Rev. M.W. Brueckner	- Senior Pastor	1911-1926
Rev. Wm. G. Sodt	- Senior Pastor	1926-1931
Rev. Paul Moeller	- Senior Pastor	1931-1945
Rev. Fred Schnaible	- Senior Pastor	Fall 1945
Rev. William B. Belk	- Senior Pastor	1946-1961
Rev. Hilmer Krause, Jr.	- Senior Pastor	1959-1960
Rev. Victor J. Luetzow	- Senior Pastor	1961-1973
Rev. Lynn Neiswander	- Associate Pastor	1963-1969
Rev. James P. Hughes	- Assoc/Senior Pastor	1969-1978
Rev. Laurin G. Vance	- Associate Pastor	1974-1977
Rev. Clyde O. Cress	- Senior Pastor	1978-1987
Rev. Patricia J. Lull	- Associate Pastor	1979-1984
Rev. John E. Sleziak	- Associate Pastor	1985-1988
Rev. Ronald C. Bessert	- Senior Pastor	1987-1998
Rev. Kurt M. Peterson	- Associate Pastor	1989-1994
Vicar Scott Bartz	- Intern Trinity Seminary	1994-1995
Vicar Naomi Hawkins	- Intern Chicago Seminary	1995-1996
Rev. Daniel Deutsch	- Associate/Senior Pastor	1995-2002
Vicar Leslie Nye	- Vicar	1999-2001
Rev. Kurt Jensen	- Associate Pastor	2000-2004
Rev. Paul Owens	- Senior Pastor	2002-2010
Rev. Rodney Haselhuhn	- Senior Pastor	2007-2010
Rev. Tom Orth	- Interim Pastor	2011-2012
Rev. Shirley Ross-Jones	- Senior Pastor	2012 -2018
Rev. John Shipman	- Senior Pastor	2019 – Present
Vicar Troy Spencer	- Intern LSTC	2020 - 2021

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

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Bishop Satterlee

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

(Please be seated)

SERMON

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Bishop Satterlee

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Church’s One Foundation”

(Red) #654

Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

Pastor Daniel Deutsch

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.

Pastor Tom Orth

Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Vicar Troy Spencer

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

Pastor Martha Hartman Stuart

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop Satterlee



History

In July 1871, the organization of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul Congregation, Alpena, Michigan, took place in the home of Mr. Carl Sans, 128 Saginaw Street. The Congregation was organized under the leadership of The Rev. Herman Brueckner, Sr., who conducted services in a school building on South Second Ave. (This site later became the site of the large Alpena Central School.) A gift from Deacon Hitchcock and the Potter family provided the land on which the congregation erected the necessary church buildings. The land was located at the corner of Second Avenue and Mirre Street. The first church was a simple 20 x 40 frame building. The second church was dedicated on July 25, 1881, with dimensions of 24.5 x 50. In 1889 the congregation started to build the third church, increasing the size to 48 x 78. The third church was dedicated on November 2, 1890, which was Reformation Sunday. On Maundy Thursday, March 29, 1923, a fire destroyed the church building. The loss was estimated at \$35,000. Easter services and later services were held in the Grace Norwegian Church on Dunbar Street. A cornerstone for the new structure was laid on July 26, 1925, and dedication services were held on December 5, 1926. The cost of the new building was about \$85,000. In 1962 a three-story building was constructed, at a cost of \$250,000. Also, at this time a bond issue was approved to finance a long-range program. In 1989 a major renovation project, of \$500,000, was undertaken on the sanctuary and bell tower. The project was extended over five years and no interest was paid. St Paul has seen at least five members of the congregation become ministers. Twenty-six pastors and several interns have served the congregation. The history and story of St. Paul is a celebration of servant leadership. St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran will boldly proclaim the Gospel as we glorify God in 2021 and beyond.

DISMISSAL

Pastor Rosanne Anderson

Go forth in peace and with the courage of faith. Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude "Hallelujah" G. Handel

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PARTICIPANTS

MINISTERS

BISHOP

ASSISTANT TO BISHOP

PASTOR

VICAR

RETURNING MINISTERS

Pastor Lauren Vance
Pastor John E. Sleziak
Pastor Ronald C. Bessert
Pastor Daniel Deutsch
Pastor Tom Orth
Pastor Martha Hartman Stuart
Seminarian Mary Hughes

Dates Served at St. Paul

1974-1977
1985-1988
1987-1998
1995-2002
2011-2012
Daughter of the church
Member of the church

The People of God
Bishop Criag A. Satterlee
Pastor Rosanne Anderson
Rev. John Shipman
Troy Spencer

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We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

Bishop: 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

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop: 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”

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.

Bishop: 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Ronald C. Bessert

Let us pray: Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John Shipman

BENEDICTION

Pastor John Shipman

SENDING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

(Red) #836