

## 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

#### MINISTERS

#### PASTOR

#### ORGANIST

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### ASSISTING MINISTER

#### LECTOR

#### USHERS & GREETERS

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

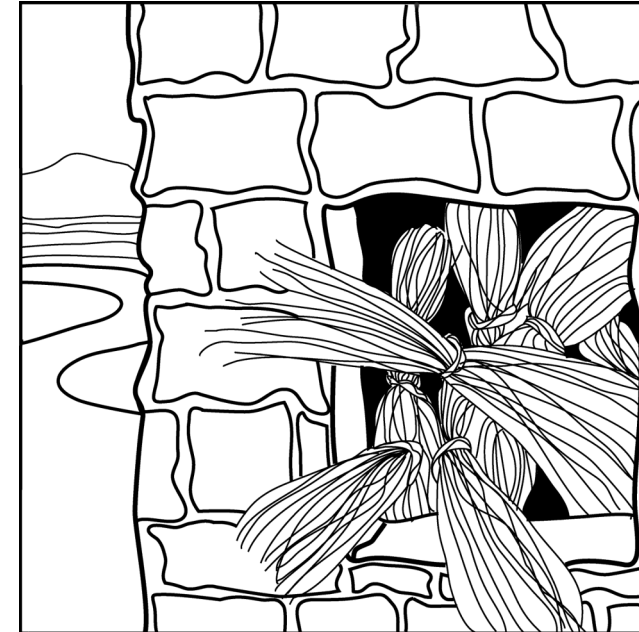
## St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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And [Jesus] said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Luke 12:15

*August 4, 2019*

*9:00 a.m.*

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 4, 2019—9:00 a.m.**

*(Congregational responses are printed in bold)*

**Welcome**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**                    “As We Gather”

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has give 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** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”                    (Red) #719

**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

**An ushers meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 6th, at 5:00 PM** in the Church sanctuary to discuss some significant issues. Please call the church office, 356-1658, to RSVP for planning purposes. Please be in attendance for this important meeting. *Thank you.*

**Please Note:** The church office will be closed on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Attention Committees, Scouts, and Groups:** The final date to submit your committee report and budget for the Annual Meeting is September 1.

Mark your calendars! The **Harvest Dinner** will be Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Fellowship with Pastor John following the services in his office** – Please stay after services for a time of fellowship. Talk with Pastor John about your life and the life of the church.

**Men - We are meeting on Thursday mornings at 7:00 at JJs.** Please come and join us for this time of community and fellowship.

Our August 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.

**About St. Paul’s Eucharistic Ministry:** We have trained Eucharistic Ministers who will take communion kits to shut-ins on a regular basis. Questions? Contact Bernie at 595-6835.

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 4—11, 2019**

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| <u>SUN.</u>   | Worship Service/HC – 9:00 a.m.   |
| <u>MON.</u>   | Church Office Closed; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.  |
| <u>TUES.</u>  | T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Usher’s Meeting – 5:00 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.;<br>Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m. |
| <u>WED.</u>   | Property Committee – 7:00 p.m.   |
| <u>THURS.</u> | Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s – 7:00 a.m.   |
| <u>SAT.</u>   | Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.   |
| <u>SUN.</u>   | Worship/HC–9:00 a.m.; Education Committee (Lounge) – 10:45 a.m.  |

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Cindy Mitchell, Tiffany Spierling, Barbara Skaluba, Baylee Jo Wirgau, Doris Soltysiak, Amy Waite, Tim Grossman, Eleanor Schellie, Raychelle Goike, Megan Schleben, Tina Lamarre, Laurie Stafford, Carol Rude, Greg Dzieszinski, Skeeter Urban, Carol Eubanks, Ilse Kuhl, John David Maleport, Norma Smith, Milt "Bodo" Hanson, Gerry Ludwig, Deb Lange, Dennis Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Cindy Nensewitz, Sally Kosloski, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. **ARMED SERVICES:** Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Spencer Newhouse, Brandon Sloan, Lauren Houseman, Alexander Gould, Christopher Howard, Andrew Hein, Mandy Killingbeck, Michael Yeager, Jacqueline Cramming, Ashley (Dingmans) Grant, Charles Tudor, Abigail Miller, and Justin A. Smith.

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

\* Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Jay Schrimpf

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

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of William Welk, who joined our Lord in eternity July 25, 2019. His funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran on July 29, 2019.

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

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

			<b>MAY</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Saturday (07/27) 5:30 p.m.	63	Income	21,461.41	99,629.08
Saturday (07/27) 7:00 Beach	25	Expenses	<u>24,763.93</u>	<u>134,109.64</u>
Sunday (07/28) 9:00 a.m.	<u>73</u>	Difference	(3,302.52)	(34,480.56)
Total	161			

The attendance was great at the recent church picnic and the weather couldn't have been better! **Thank you** to all who helped and attended to make it another successful and fun-filled evening! Thank you also to Andrea Dutcher and Jim Kucharek for co-chairing this wonderful event!

**There will be an organizational meeting for the Christmas Bazaar on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge** of the Educational Building. 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 or Annie at 354-5461. Hope to see you there!



**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:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the  
 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.

**R** And al - so with you.

Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is sending you. Thanks be to God.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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**Sermon Notes**



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: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

(Red) #721

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23**

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12**

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,  
**both low and high, rich and poor together.**

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.  
**I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,  
**those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

Truly, no ransom avails for one’s life, there is no price one can give to God for it.

**For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,**  
 that one should live on forever and never see the grave.

**When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.**

Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.

**Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“All to Jesus I Surrender”

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: 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, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

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

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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.

**Sending of Communion**

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”

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.

**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”

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ**

Children’s Message

**“I Love to Tell the Story”**

I love to tell the story  
 'Twill be my theme in glory  
 To tell the old old story  
 Of Jesus and His love

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SERMON

**“Share Your Inheritance”**

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

(Red) # 779

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:** let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERING** "We Place Upon Your Table"

**"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. Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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