

### 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. Annie Olsen 9:00 a.m. Alayna Krey
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m. Carol Kindt 9:00 a.m. Alayna Krey
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Patti Byce, Myra Gapske 9:00 a.m. Laurie Stafford
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m. Dennis and Sherry McDonald 9:00 am. Richard Miller, Nancy Smithem Owen Werth, Mary Jo Beck
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m. Alayna Krey
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>	Marty Cantleberry, Pat Cornelius, Carol Kindt

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

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

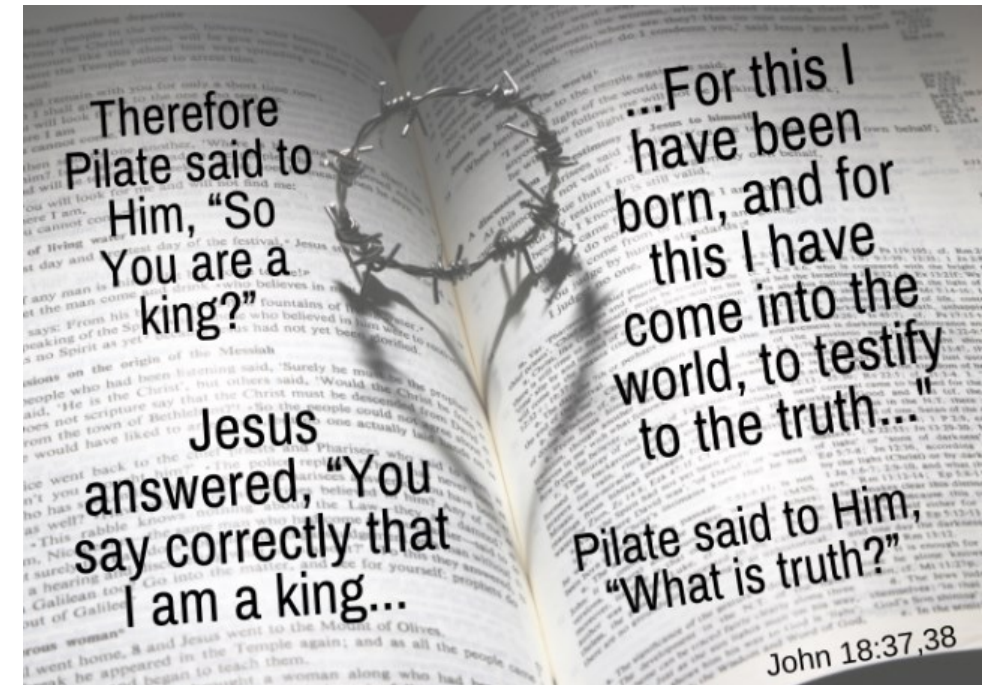
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*



**November 20, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**

**November 21, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
**November 20, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**November 21, 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! 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**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. 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**      “Come, Thou Almighty King”      (Red) #408

**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.**

**On Tuesday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. the Soul Sisters will be wrapping Christmas presents.** St. Paul is sponsoring 6 children through the Christmas Wish List program. The items have already been purchased and we will meet in the classrooms across from the church office to wrap them. We will also be having a cookie walk. If you would like to participate, please bring 2 dozen cookies. Come join us for a festive evening. If you have any questions call Shirley at 989-464-6472.

**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran is taking part of the Bolenz Jewelry Holiday Parade on Friday, November 26th.** This year's parade theme is *Happy Birthday Jesus!* We will have another work bee to prepare float decor on Sunday Nov. 21 during Adventure Club (5:30). Final assembly will take place the day of the parade, Friday Nov 26, beginning at 12 (noon). Feel free to come and help us prepare. We will also be highlighting the many groups that make up our community and are asking each group to make a sign with your group name to hang on the float, about 3 foot by 4 foot. Show your group creativity!!!. Questions? Contact Danielle at 616-322-7958.

**Pastor John and Miss Nena have planned Advent Educational Opportunities, that will run December 1 – 23.** Both classes will last for four weeks and the class length will be 1 hour. Pastor John's Class will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and Miss Nena's class will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Pastor John will hold a Book Study on “Letters from Prison” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Miss Nena will lead a Bible Study “She Smiles Without Fear.” Please call the office so we know how to plan/books to order.

**The November Service Activity is the Thunder Bay Jr. High School - Pride Program.** The Pride Program stands for Personal responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Effort. Students who are exhibiting these qualities get nominated by teachers to receive recognition. Items needed: candy, small cans of Pringles, and prizes suitable for a 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Please place your items on the altar.

**We are decorating** the Sanctuary and Multi-purpose rooms on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Please join us! We sure hope some men will come help too!

**The Forget-Me-Nots** will not have a meeting on the first Tuesday of December, but will gather instead on Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 pm for the Civic Theatre performance of “Church Ladies Away in the Basement.” I reserved 27 tickets and we were given a group rate of \$14 per ticket. I have the tickets with me and will give you your ticket if I see you before the day of the play or just before the performance. You may pay me when you see me or on December 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have not ordered a ticket and would like to attend, please call the box office between 3:00 and 6:00 Monday through Thursday at 989-354-3624. Please call Ann Hardesty 989-471-5304 if you have further questions.

<b>WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 21—28, 2021</b>	
<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.; Adventure Club – 5:30 p.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing—2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts—6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Boy Scouts – 6:30
<u>THURS.</u>	Happy Thanksgiving
<u>FRI.</u>	Church Office Closed; Fall Holiday Parade ( <i>Downtown</i> ) – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship—4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC—9:00; Fellowship—10:00; Jr/Sr. High Sunday School – 10:30; Worship & Children's Church – 10:30 a.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Gary Rich, Karen Morton, Kelci Ghiata, Skyler Kilcrease, Jim Miller, Erin Sharp, Randy Donakowski, John Tinker, Gladys Kelsey, Nathan LeTourneau, Maryanna Miller, Bodo Hanson, Pete Creguer, Roy Sommerfeld, Howard & Gloria Lumsden, Dorothy Carr, Melissa Smith, Sutton Badder, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttill, Eleanor Schellie, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Tim Grossman, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, and Karen Wallace.

**We remember our prayer partners** in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Lutheran Church of the Savior, Kalamazoo, Rev. Nicole Smith.

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		END OF OCT.	YEAR TO DATE
Saturday (11/13) 5:30 p.m.	71	Income 26,514.41	252,615.69
Sunday (11/14) 9:00 a.m.	49	Expenses <u>26,707.26</u>	<u>249,864.70</u>
10:30 a.m.	<u>14</u>	Difference (192.85)	2,750.99
Total	134		

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** are given in memory of Walter and Blanche Piper from their son Wayne. **Additional flowers** are given in memory of Sam Olsen from his wife Beverly.

**We thank** Pastor Bill Rayment, Danielle McDonald and Michael Lewandowski for leading us in worship this weekend.

**The aprons, dish cloths, jewelry, hot pads, canned items, hats and mittens left from the Christmas bazaar** are in the dining room. Please check out the items that would make great Christmas gifts. Everything will be there until the end of the month and the remaining will be stored away for next year. If you would like to pick up the items that you brought, do so by the end of the month. **Thank you** to all who purchased, volunteered, donated or participated in any way in making St. Paul Christmas Bazaar such a huge success! The proceeds for the day were \$12,242.00, which will go to new flooring for the sanctuary. We tithed \$1200.00 to Trinity Episcopal Sunday Supper. God Bless. *The Bazaar Committee*

**Pastor John is planning to assemble another Advent Devotional from the people of St. Paul.** The devotional theme for this year is "Prepare and Enrich our faith journey at St. Paul." A devotional provides daily inspiration through this season of the year. Please write several paragraphs about a man or woman who inspired your faith and include a scriptural reference. Pastor John needs this information by **Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**We are looking for people/groups to do Advent Lunches on December 1, 8, 15 & 22.** If you are interested in providing lunch for one of those dates, please call the church office at 356-1658. Thanks.

**Bring your spirit of adventure and hope to our next Adventure Club, which will meet on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** The theme will be "Thanksgiving Campaign." Join us for fun, adventure, and food within this intergenerational educational experience.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

<sup>9</sup> As I looked, thrones were placed and one that was ancient of days took his seat; his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued and came forth from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup> I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 93 (Read Responsively)**

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. **Yea, the world is established; it shall never be moved; thy throne is established from of old; thou art from everlasting.**

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice, the floods lift up their roaring.

**Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!**

Thy decrees are very sure; holiness befits thy house, O Lord, for evermore.

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8**

<sup>4b</sup> Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*(Please Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

<sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world.” <sup>37</sup> Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.”

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: Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal" (Red) #805

**DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Shall Reign"

(Red) #434

**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**

God, 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. Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

*(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)*

**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, my heart, my heart a - dores 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  
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"