### 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. <u>Please fill out an attendance card</u> 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.

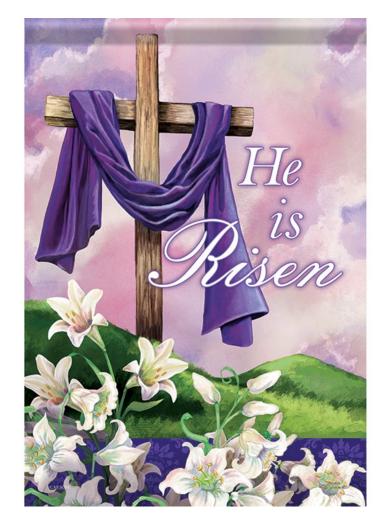
**St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table.** Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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.

| <b>PARTICIPANTS</b> |
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MINISTERS PASTOR VICAR ORGANIST CHOIR DIRECTOR SPECIAL MUSIC ASSISTING MINISTER LECTOR USHERS & GREETERS

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April 4, 2021 9:00 a.m.

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

#### Scholarship Items

- St. Paul Scholarship Committee will be awarding a \$500 scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year to a 2021 graduating senior (preference) or current college student. Applications will be available shortly and must be completed and returned by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Members interested in supporting this year's scholarship or a planned \$25,000 endowed scholarship may forward their contribution to the church office.
- ◊ Do you have bottles and cans that are piling up? The Scholarship Committee is collecting bottle returns for the Scholarship fund, if you have returns you can drop them off at the church. There is a janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre street side you can place them in there. We ask that you don't include water bottles or anything else that is not returnable. Thanks. *The Scholarship Committee*.

#### 150th Anniversary News!

- We are putting together a photo album of St. Paul Confirmation Classes. Seeking copies of any of the following years: Any year earlier than 1921, 1921-26, 28-31, 33-34, 36, 39-41, 43, 46, 62, 65-68, 70-72, 74-76, 78, 89, 2001, 2003-2009, 2011-to date. If you have one of the year's mentioned, please provide a copy for the album. We are looking for a confirmation group photo, not individual photos. Please drop-off at the office. *The deadline is April 15th*. Also, we are still looking for wedding pictures of anyone married at St. Paul in last 150 years. The deadline for wedding pictures is April.
- There are recipe collection boxes for our cookbook in the narthex, the window across from the elevator and in Nena's office. Please print legibly, sign your name, make directions clear and concise and include any interesting notes about the recipes. *Deadline for recipes is April 15th*. Any questions, call Lori at 356-4753.
- We would also like to honor those who have served in the military during this celebration year. If you know someone in the congregation that has served in the military since World War 2, please send an email to <u>nena@stpaul.org</u> or call the office, with their name and approximate dates of service, so we can have a comprehensive list. The deadline to get names to us is April 30th. Thank you!

**The Stitched Together Group** will begin meeting again on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month, starting April 22<sup>nd</sup>! Come enjoy some fellowship and get some work done on your projects!

**The "Forget-Me-Nots will begin meeting again on May 4<sup>th</sup>!** They will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Multi-purpose room at 1:00. We are looking forward to getting together.

| WEEK AT A GLANCE: APRIL 4–11, 2021 |   |  |  |
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| <u>SUN.</u>                        | Easter Sunday Worship/HC - 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.; Easter Breakfast after the   |  |  |
|                                    | Sunrise Service; Easter Bake Sale between all services  |  |  |
| <u>MON.</u>                        | Girl Scouts—6:00 p.m.   |  |  |
| TUES.                              | Prayer Shawl – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.  |  |  |
| WED.                               | Property Committee – 7:00 p.m.  |  |  |
| THURS                              | Men's Fellowship at JJ's – 7:00 a.m.; Girl Scouts – 4:15 p.m.; Outreach Committee – 5:00 p.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.   |  |  |

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Billi Jo Foster, Arnie Moggie, Amanda Tolan, Amy Nolan, Jesse Gordy, Lori Ludwig, Dorothy Jury, Mabel Townsend, Doris Peterson, Lyla Wyman, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttil, Eleanor Schellie, Geri Hanson, Jeff & Kendra Truman, Barb Crittenden, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Barb Skaluba, Randy Donakowski, Tim Grossman, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace. ARMED SERVICES: Michael Emington, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Lauren Hoeksema, Alexander Gould, Andrew Hein, Mandy Killingbeck, Jacqueline Crimmins, Ashley (Dingman) Grant, Charles Tudor, Abigail Miller, and Justin A. Smith.

**We remember our prayer partners** in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: \*Zion Lutheran Church, Cadillac, Rev. Scott Torkko

**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.

**CONDOLENCES TO:** the family and friends of Kenneth Hauff, who joined our Lord in eternity March 29, 2021. His funeral service will be held April 5<sup>th</sup> at Bannan Funeral Home.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the glory of God.

**Worship has begun again in our building.** Please wear a mask and remember that social distancing is in place. If you don't have a mask, we will provide one at the door. Be open to directions for your safety and the safety of others. Please no hand shaking or hugs and when communicating with others please remain at a safe distance. When sitting please listen to the usher's directions. Services will be different due to social distancing so please have an open mind/heart and rejoice that we are worshipping again.

The Crafters are hosting a Bake Sale between all the Easter Services. Come check out the cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, cupcakes, sweet breads, and other choices for your Easter Sunday festivities. All proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of fruit, vegetables, and canning supplies for the Christmas Bazaar.

**There is a Prayer Box in the Narthex, on the table.** Please fill out the blue card, next to it, and place it in the box and we will get it to the Prayer Ministry Group.

**Our April Service Activity is Wilson Elementary School.** Items needed: dry erase makers (4 pack), drawing paper, pencil top erasers, colored pencils, disinfecting wipes, 3 pronged folders with pockets. Please leave items on the altar.

The Men are meeting on Thursday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. All men are invited to this gathering and a meal will be served. Please come and be part of these monthly gatherings.

**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.

#### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD Easter Sunday April 4, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

"Easter Celebration"

(*Congregational responses are printed in bold; Additional items for the 9:00 a.m. service only are printed in blue.)* 

# Welcome! Please remain seated throughout the service and the offering will be received at the back and front of the church building.

CALL TO WORSHIP "I Serve a Risen Savior"

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** 

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **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 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## 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.** 

### In Memory of:

Irving and Virginia Christopherson from Ivan and Barbara Sumerix, Kyle, Ashley, Levi, Myles, Justin, Brooke, Cody and Paige Sumerix Gus and Ilse Kuhl from Mary, George, and Carol Kuhl Russ Robb from Sue Robb Trisha Grove from Sue Robb June MacMillan from Sue Robb Myles, Jane and Jeffrey Sommerfeld from Skeeter and Valerie Urban Leroy Dove: loving husband, father, grandfather, brother. You are in our hearts forever. Jeffrey Dove: loving father, brother, grandfather. Thank you for all that you showed us. Richard Sheppler from family - Hattie, Nancy, Barb, Kathy and Jeff Winnie Kirchoff from Clint Kirchoff and family Frank and Vivian (Kirchoff) Wurmlinger from Sue Kirchoff- Suszek Franklin and Beatrice Diemond from your family Bob and Marion Seguin from Barb, Kathy and family Gerald and Dorthy Girard from Barb, Kathy and family Howard and Kristin Lahti from Jodie Parents and sisters and brothers, Ruth, George, Gordon and Jimmy from Myra Gapske Arthur and Margaret Kieliszewski from Catherine Kieliszewski Louis and Dorothy Blemke from their family Our Loved Ones from Maxine Miller and daughters Carol Schenk from Leroy, Marcie, Bonnie and Harry Ferdinand and Beatrice Dohn from Your Loving Family Terry Dohn from Your Loving Family Cathy Dohn from Your Loving Family Our departed loved ones from the Jim Kriniak Family My husband, Norman (Pooch) Seguin from Mariette Seguin and family My parents, Edward and Ida Werth and my nine siblings from Mariette Seguin My husband, Melvin Huggler, from Joanne Huggler My parents, Harold and Ruth Zaske, from Joanne Huggler Leonard and Leona Boboltz from Juliana and Janice Dennis Johnson from Jean and family Gustav Schultz from Jean and family Ken and Dee Johnson from Jean and family Hope Romel from Jessica, Jesse, Nathan and Miya





St. Paul Lutheran Church Alpena, Michigan Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

The beautiful flowers that adorn our cross and sanctuary are given:

# To the Glory of God, from:

Kenneth and June Sylvester Ashley and Michael Paulsell Amy Sharp

# In Honor of:

Myra Gapske from her children and grandchildren Gerry Ludwig from Jim and Gloria Ludwig and family Marjorie Hoppe from John and Linda Snyder Phyllis Robb from Sue Robb Pastor John, Nena, and Vicar Troy My Children, Grand and Great Grandchildren from Myra Gapske Norma Schultz from Jean and family

# In Memory of:

Chuck Geisbuhler from Marie and Rudy Kowalski Loved Ones from Iris and Bob Arthur Warren Peterson and Marilee Peterson from Doris E. Peterson and family Matilda Ohlrich and Florence Jaskolski from Doris E. Peterson and family Suzan K. Miller and Daniel J. Pilarski I from Richard and Maryanna Miller Florence and Albert Weine from Gerry Ludwig Jim Stafford (brother) from Fritz and Jan Stafford Mary Lou Hamer (daughter) from Fritz and Jan Stafford Parents, Edward and Ada Precour, from Barbara Crittenden Richard and Michael Brown from Barbara Crittenden Bruce "Red" Crittenden and Hazel Crittenden from Barbara Crittenden George A. and Phyllis Kennedy, George W., Sam You and Patricia Kennedy, James and Tristen Carpenter from Bonnie Duby Karen Bisson from Jeff, Kris, and Ciupka Family James Smithem from Nancy Smithem Donald Wyman from Geraldine Wyman

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God, you give your Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>1</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Read Responsively)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was

buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

#### The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



## SERMON NOTES

#### Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### Postlude

"Hallelujah Chorus"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

# Glory to You, O Lord.

## GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

| The Gospel of Our Lord. | Praise to You, O Christ |                     |
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| SERMON                  | "Looking For Jesus"     | Pastor John Shipman |
| HYMN OF THE DAY         | "Thine Is the Glory"    |                     |



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

**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.



D Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927



## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN** 

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

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.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

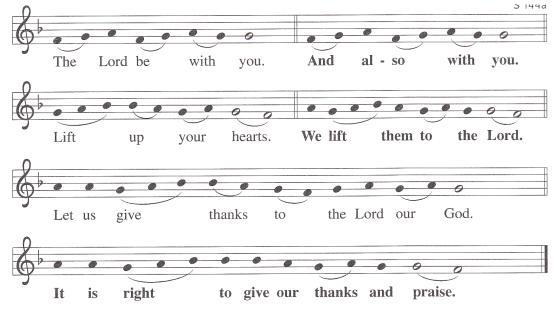
The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

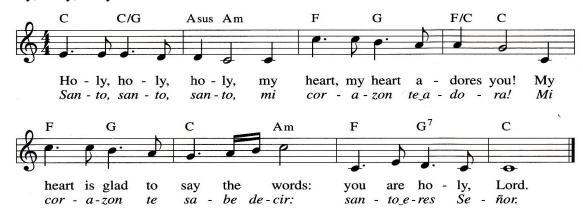
Let us pray. God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

#### *(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



## EUCHARISTIC BLESSING

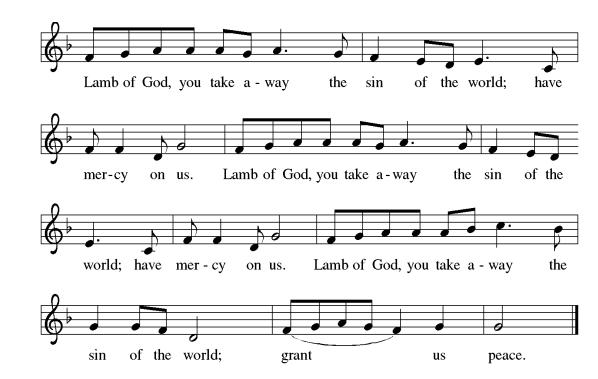
#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## 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"



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"

