

### 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

<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.	Danielle McDonald
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Robb
	9:00 a.m.	Justin MacKay, Ashley Reed
<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dennis and Sherry McDonald
	9:00 a.m.	Owen Werth, Jeff Ciupka
		Ryan Panknin, Paul Kieliszewski
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Cayden Smith
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Patti Byce and Laurie Stafford

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

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

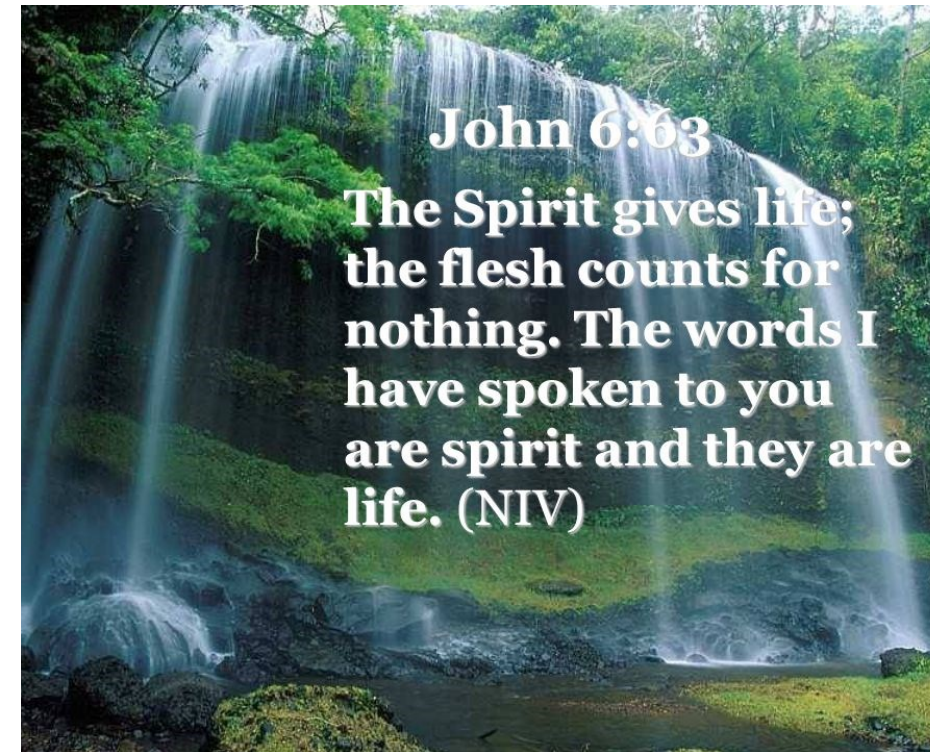
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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*Stephen Ministry Congregation*



**August 21, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**

**August 22, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 21, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**August 22, 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**

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** “Let Us Go Now to the Banquet” (Red) #523

**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.**

**Fireside chat at the Shipmans.** Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a fireside chat on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00. We will sit by the firepit by the river (or in the house or gazebo) and talk about life, hope, grace and the love of God (no agenda). This is a gift from Nena and I so nothing is required to be part of this experience. Come for 15 minutes or for 2 hours.

**We are looking for a media coordinator** to work Monday, Friday and Sunday mornings, hours and wages negotiable. If interested please speak with Pastor John.

**Our August Service Activity is the Children’s Closet at Besser Elementary School.** They need prepackaged snacks for the room, glue sticks, pencils, crayons, pants & underwear for smaller children, with the greatest need of boys (range from 4T thru 10/12). Please leave items on the altar. Thanks.

**We are updating our homebound member’s list.** Please call the church office and let us know if you or someone you know is home bound.

**The Soul Sister’s next kayaking event will be Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.,** weather permitting. Check Facebook or emails for location. Come join us and bring a friend!

**The Scholarship Committee is very grateful to those that have brought in their bottle returns,** we ask that you keep them coming! The bottle returns can be place in the janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre street side. There is a sign on the door for less confusion. We are also looking for 4 to 5 people to help with returning the bottles and cans, if you would like to help, please contact Val Urban 356-4613 or the church office. Thank you.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 22–29, 2021	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school–10:30; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church– 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancers – 2:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Boy Scouts – 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>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.; Worship on the Beach – 7:00 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. ; Fireside Chat (at Shipman’s house) – 5:00 p.m.

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

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Natalie, Sally Barney, Rev. Ronald Bessert, Gary Rich, Fritz Stafford, Clyde Shipman, Dorothy Carr, Peter Brown, Melissa Smith, Amy Nolan, Sutton Badder, Randy Byard, Billi Jo Foster, Doris Peterson, Lyla Wyman, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttil, 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: Faith Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Kevin Sullivan

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

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** are given in memory of Gus Schultz from his family.

**Worship on the Beach.** We will celebrate on the last Saturday of each month (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.

**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 Forget-Me-Nots enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship at the church picnic grounds** on August 3. We decided that we would again meet there on Tuesday, September 7 at 11:30. Please bring a picnic lunch, a drink, and a lawn chair. We hope you will be able to join us and bring a friend. Ann Hardesty 471-5304.

**If you donated wedding or confirmation photos** for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration and want the original photos back, please stop in the office to pick them up.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Your fathers lived of old beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor;

<sup>14</sup> "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup> and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land; therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22 (Read Responsively)**

The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and his ears toward their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

**He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we are



not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.<sup>13</sup> Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,<sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace;<sup>16</sup> besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.<sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.<sup>18</sup> Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,<sup>19</sup> and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

### **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BENEDICTION**

##### SENDING HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

(Red) #810

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**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.

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

**GOSPEL: John 6:56-69**

<sup>56</sup> He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever.” <sup>59</sup> This he said in the synagogue, as he taught at Caper’na-um.

<sup>60</sup> Many of his disciples, when they heard it, said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you that do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup> After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

“Spirit and Life”

Pastor John Shipman

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blessed Assurance”

(Red) #638

**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

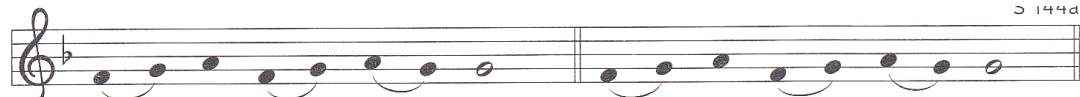
### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**


*(Please stand)*

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


### 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.

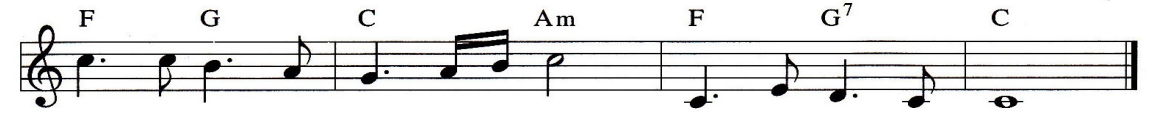
Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise . . . *(concluding)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C

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



F G C Am F G<sup>7</sup> C

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