

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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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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J O H N 13:34

May 19, 2019

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019—9:00 a.m.

(Congregational responses are printed in bold)

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP “Holy Spirit Thou Art Welcome”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation..

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

Here local bodies of water may be named.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

(Red) #533

The holy Eucharist is profound means of grace, one of the sacraments of God given to us by Jesus and celebrated every Weekend at St Paul. **Pastor John will teach a First Communion class** for children and their parents on the **23rd of May at 5:30 in Pastor John’s Office**. We will have a special ceremony for those who will receive this gift for the first time. If you are interested please speak with Pastor John.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT (Peace & Pizza) on May 31 at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a fun-filled night of fellowship designed to create decorations for the Alpena Community Ecumenical Vacation Bible School, which will be held July 8 – 12 at the First United Methodist Church. Bring your friends and family to have a bite to eat and use your artistic talents! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Men - Are you interested in a weekly breakfast gathering with Pastor John? Please speak with Pastor John and he will make it happen

Our May Service Activity is Sunday Supper. Items Needed: Canned goods, canned soups and stews, boxed pasta-spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, Tuna Helper, tuna, pancake mix, syrup, dry milk, peanut butter and jelly. Any questions or suggestions, please contact MaryAnne Kucharek at 354-3757. *“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat...”* Matthew 25:35

Start saving your treasures for St. Paul Lutheran Church’s Garage Sale, which will be held on June 7, 8 & 9. This will be a “no clothes, no stuffed furniture, no mattresses, no computers or TVs” garage sale. You may drop off your items anytime and put them in the multi-purpose room closet. Please close boxes so they are stackable and mark “fragile” if necessary. *Thank you.*

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? St. Paul Lutheran Church offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church’s account. If you have plans to travel this spring or summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply go to our website (stpaul.org) and click on the “Finances” tab to get started, or call the church office at 356-1658. *Thanks.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE: MAY 19 – 26, 2019

<u>SUN.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School (Last Day) – 10:15 a.m.; Gospel Lesson discussion – 10:15 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Dinner on a Doorknob – 9:00 a.m.; T.O.P.S. – 4:30 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 6:30 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Stitched Together – 11:00 a. m.; Choir Practice–6:00 p.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Worship Service/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC–9:00; Gospel Lesson discussion - 10:15

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Linda Connon, Ilse Kuhl, John David Maleport, Harry Henry, Larry Ewing, Barb Williams, Ben Fraley, Sally Muszynski, Heather & Vito Reo, Susie Snyder, Ruth Brege, Scarlet Dangerfield, Violet McLaren, Cathy Knechtel, Karen Morton, Norma Smith, Milt "Bodo" Hanson, Don Cantleberry, Gerry Ludwig, Deb Lange, Dennis Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Cindy Nensewitz, Sally Kosloski, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod:
* University Lutheran Church, East Lansing, Rev. Gary Bunge and Rev. Haley Vay Beaman

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in honor of Catherine Hawks on her 89th birthday from Eric and Becky Hawks.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			MARCH	YTD
Saturday (05/11) 5:30 p.m.	69	Income	19,511.42	50,177.96
Sunday (05/12) 9:00 a.m.	<u>83</u>	Expenses	<u>16,798.03</u>	<u>46,362.72</u>
Total	152	Difference	2,713.39	3,815.24

Council packets are done and may be picked up today in the Narthex.

Like us on Facebook! Go to our Facebook Page: St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church-Alpena, click on the "**Like**" button on the page and it will turn blue. You can find the latest happenings, sermons, etc. Check it out!

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.

The Sunday School kids did dioramas and they are on display in the back of the church. They did a great job! Check them out.

Reminder: If you are going away for an extended time please let the church office know so our records will be up-to-date and we will know when to stop and restart your envelopes. Thank you for your help.

Volunteers are needed. Please speak with Pastor John.

Please Note: Today is the last day of Sunday School.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



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.

BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

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DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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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

Let us pray: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us pray. O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pout into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hymn of Promise”

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

“Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?”

Pastor: Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

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. Communion will be by individual glasses. Wine, grape juice, bread and wafers are available. Those not receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

“Lamb of God”

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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.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PREFACE

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

G 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Grace our table with your presence.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Children's Message/Noisy Offering

"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

"Love One Another"

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

(Red) # 631

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,

not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING "Majesty"

"LET THE VINEYARDS"

C 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. Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.