

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.

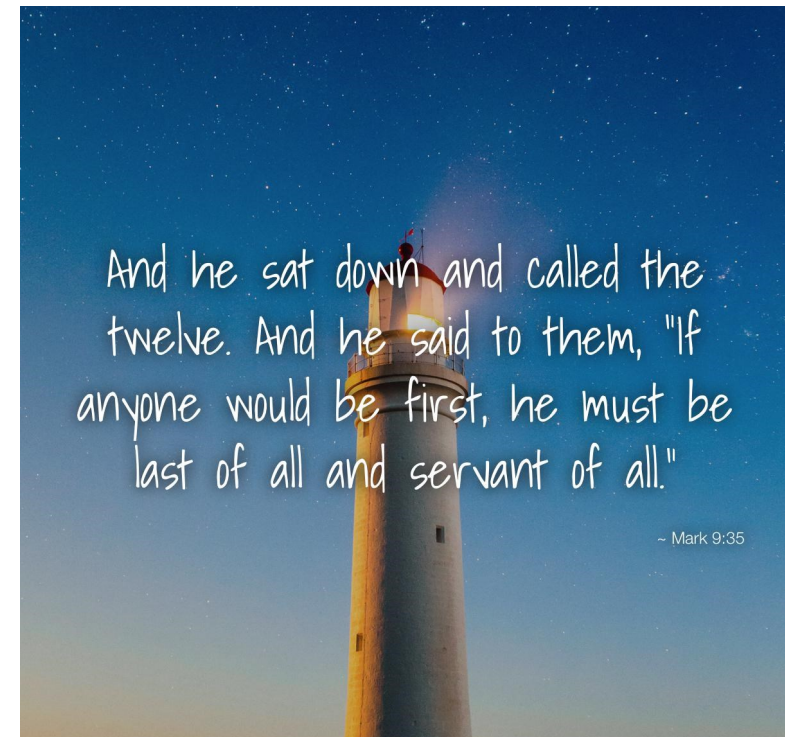
St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Danielle McDonald
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Annie Olsen
	9:00 a.m.	Richard Miller
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce, Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Laurie Stafford
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dennis & Sherry McDonald
	9:00 am.	Steve & Andrea Dutcher
		Nancy Smithem, Ryan Panknin
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Cayden Smith
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Patti Byce and Carol Kindt

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

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Worship Service
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



September 18, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
September 19, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
September 19, 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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. 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 “All Are Welcome” (Red) #641

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.

We will celebrate our last Worship on the Beach of the season on 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.

We invite you to join us as we build a new youth group at St. Paul Lutheran Church! Come enjoy games, food, movies, and so much more on September 26th, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please bring your ideas and appetite. Contact Danielle McDonald if you are interested in being a part of this dynamic ministry.

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to a fireside chat at their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) on Sunday, September 26th, 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.

A Singles Retreat is set for October 15th & 16th for ages 18 – 100! Come explore the vision of “Living a Faithful Single Life.” There is no cost associated with the event and it will take place at 1921 Long Rapids Road.

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.

Council packets have been sent out electronically. Printed copies will be available at Tuesday’s meeting.

The Forget-Me-Knots will next meet on Tuesday, October 5, at the church picnic grounds at 11:30. We are hoping the weather will cooperate for one more meeting outdoors. Please bring a picnic lunch, a beverage and lawn chair to enjoy a time of fellowship. In case the weather is not good, we will meet in the multi-purpose room at church. Check Facebook for any change of location.

Come join us for weekend Fellowship. On Saturday Night we meet before the service at 4:30 for coffee and baked goods until 5:20. Fellowship for the 9:00 service and the 10:30 service will occur in-between the service times. Everyone is invited to join us.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 12 - 19, 2021	
<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>	Stephen Ministry Supervision – 1:00 p.m.; Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Senior Leaders – 5:00 p.m.; Church Council – 6:00 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Luke Bible Study – 1:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s – 7:00 a.m.; Stitched Together – 11:00 a.m.; Harvest Dinner – 4:30, 6:00; Leadership Book Study – 6:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship Service/HC – 5:30; Worship on the Beach – 7:00 p.m.
<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.; Fireside Chat – 5:00 p.m.; Youth Group – 6:00 p.m.

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

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Al Sharp, Pete Creguer, Roy Sommerfeld, Howard & Gloria Lumsden, Rosely Taylor, Natalie, Sally Barney, Gary Rich, Fritz Stafford, Clyde Shipman, Dorothy Carr, Peter Brown, Melissa Smith, Amy Nolan, Sutton Badder, Randy Byard, Lyla Wyman, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttill, 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: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Greenville, Pastor Betsy Kamphuis

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

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

Our September Service Activity is the Clothing Closet at Immanuel Lutheran. Items Needed: One-subject spiral notebooks, snacks and prizes (Christian oriented). Please leave items on the altar. Thank you!

Pastor John and Miss Nena planned for adult education opportunities in 2021-2022; Bible studies and book studies to inspire your faith walk throughout the coming school year. Each class will last for six weeks (or less) 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. *The first Autumn Educational Opportunities runs September 15 – October 28.* Pastor John will hold a Bible Study on Luke and Miss Nena will lead a Book Study on 5 Leadership Essentials for Women. Please call the office so we know how to plan/books to order.

The Adventure Club is a new educational vision that begins Sunday, September 19th, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the downstairs education rooms. Bring your spirit of adventure and hope as you explore and share your faith through fun, adventure, and food within this intergenerational educational experience. The Adventure Club welcomes everyone from 1-105 years old.

The Soul Sisters have arranged for a "Pumpkin Themed" craft event with the "Bee Creative in the Mitten" girls on Tuesday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. We will be decorating a wire pumpkin, with lots of different colors/items offered so you can decorate to suit your own taste/style. The cost is \$35.00 and pumpkin snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Shirley Jones by email (jonesshirley812gmail.com) or phone (989-464-6472) by Thursday, September 23rd. **The Soul Sister's next kayaking event will be Wednesday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m.,** weather permitting. Check Facebook or emails for location. Come and bring a friend.

We will have our ninth annual Blessing of the Animals Service in the St. Paul parking lot on Saturday, October 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All of God's creatures welcome!

Highway Pickup: Do you like to be outdoors, enjoy a leisurely stroll, enjoy fellowship with other servant leaders? Please join us for our next Highway Pickup as we help restore beauty to our community, **Sunday October 3** meet at the church at noon.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸ The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then thou didst show me their evil deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰ But, O Lord of hosts, who judgest righteously, who triest the heart and the mind, let me see thy vengeance upon them, for to thee have I committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 54 (Read Responsively)

Save me, O God, by thy name, and vindicate me by thy might.

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

For insolent men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before them.

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

He will requite my enemies with evil; in thy faithfulness put an end to them.

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to thee; I will give thanks to thy name, O Lord, for it is good.

For thou hast delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity. ¹⁸ And the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

^{4:1} What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members? ² You desire and do not have; so you kill. And you covet and cannot obtain; so you fight and wage war. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask him.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

(Red) #538

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

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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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

³³ And they came to Caper'na-um; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they were silent; for on the way they had discussed with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve; and he said to them, “If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ And he took a child, and put him in the midst of them; and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Be Great”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

(Red) #781

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. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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

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.**

(Please 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.