

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.

PARTICIPANTS

MINISTERS

PASTOR

ORGANIST

CHOIR DIRECTOR

ASSISTING MINISTER

5:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

LECTOR

5:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

USHERS & GREETERS

5:30 p.m.

9:00 am.

ACOLYTE

9:00 a.m.

ALTAR CARE

The People of God

Rev. John Shipman

Marvis McNeil

Marty Cantleberry

Carol Kindt

Shirley Jones

Elaine Kingsbury

Alayna Krey

Cindy Tchorzynski

Steve & Andrea Dutcher

Tim Moggie, Cathy Kieliszewski

Evan McDonald

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 14, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

August 15, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
August 15, 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 “Morning Has Broken” (Red) #556

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.

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 also bring a friend. Ann Hardesty 471-5304.

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

Men’s Fellowship! We are still meeting at JJ’s at 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays. This has been a great time of discussion and celebration of God at work in the church. Come and be part of this gospel expression.

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, August 18th at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. We will be meeting at the Duck Park. 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 15—22, 2021	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00; Jr/Sr. High Sunday school–10:30; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church– 10:30 a.m.; Newsletter Deadline
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancers – 2:00 p.m.; Bazaar Meeting – 5:30 p.m.; Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Soul Sister’s Kayaking – 6:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s—7:00 a.m.; Internship Committee Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancers – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship Service/HC – 5:30 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: 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 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:
*Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Rev. Karsten Voskuil (RCA)

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given in honor of Lee and Barb Szczesniak on their anniversary. They were married at St. Paul on August 19, 1967.

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 re-schedule.

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.

There will be an organizational meeting for the Christmas Bazaar on Monday, August 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge. We are always in need of new members for this very worthwhile event so please try to attend. If you cannot attend but would like to participate, please call Lori at 356-4753.

Our August Service Activity is the Children's Closet at Besser Elementary School. They need children's clothing and school supplies. Please leave items on the altar. *Thanks.*

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, 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: Isaiah 61:7-11

⁷ Instead of your shame you shall have a double portion, instead of dishonor you shall rejoice in your lot; therefore in your land you shall possess a double portion; yours shall be everlasting joy. ⁸ For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-9 (Read Responsively)

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

.O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in him!

O fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want!

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.

(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 - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 1:46-55

“My soul magnifies the Lord,⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,⁴⁸ for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.⁵⁰ And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,⁵² he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree;⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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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: 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.

Conclusion of Service Blessing for Scott Brooks

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Magnify The Lord”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“One Bread, One Body”

(Red) #496

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. 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 G⁷ 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
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.**