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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 145 (*pew bible, p.557*)
- ◆ The Hymns: 814, 703, 700 (1-3), 700 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 16:2-15, John 6:24-35
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 130
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

Sermon Text – Ephesians 4:17-24

Live in the Knowledge of Jesus

1. Put off the old self.
2. Put on the new.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (700, stanza 4)

Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by the tract rack or by request from an usher.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Exodus 16:2-15

2 In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD'S hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." 4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" 8 Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD." 9 Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" 10 While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. 11 The LORD said to Moses, 12 "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" 13 That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 130

P Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD:
C **O Lord, hear my voice.**
P Let your ears be attentive:
C **To my cry for mercy.**
P If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,
C **O Lord, who could stand?**
P But with you there is forgiveness;
C **Therefore you are feared.**
P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.
C **My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.**
P O Israel, put your hope in the LORD:
C **For with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**
P He himself will redeem Israel:
C **From all their sins.**

Second Lesson – John 6:24-35

24 Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. 25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” 26 Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” 28 Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” 29 Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” 30 So they asked him, “What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?” 31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” 32 Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 “Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.” 35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Sermon Text – Ephesians 4:17-24

17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. 19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. 20 You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. 21 Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and glad that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservations to the entire Truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. We invite you to sign our guest book and to come worship with us again!

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Ruth Greening
Ushers: Wayne and Joshua Ruegge

This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/8)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Choir Practice
Sun (8/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Choir Practice

Upcoming Events

- ◆ St. Paul Church Dedication 20th Anniversary Service: Sunday, Aug 29, 3 pm (*see note below*)
- ◆ West Central Pastoral Conference, Sioux Falls, SD, Sept.7-9
- ◆ Women's Retreat West, Chadron State Park, Chadron NE, Sept 17-19

New Members: At the recent Quarterly Voters' Meeting Jesse and Shelley Cornish, and children Jesse Jr., Joseph, and Jacob were formally received into membership at St. Paul by transfer from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. We warmly welcome the Cornish's into our St. Paul church family and pray that the Lord may richly bless them through our fellowship together around His Word.

Choir Practices: Today and next two Sundays at 10:45 am.

Divine Calls were recently issued in the name of the congregation to the following individuals, to serve as members of the Sunday School staff in the coming year:

- Coordinator: Suzannah Miller
- Classroom instructors: Mike Sprengeler, Carly Meyer, Joshua Ruegge
- Teacher substitutes: Jo Ellen Blakey, Sharlene Chiappetti
- Music teacher: Lisa Sprengeler
- Cradle Roll Secretary: Julie Whitmer-Wright

We pray the Lord to guide them to a decision in keeping with His holy will and for the welfare of His Church.

Man Up! Retreat: *“The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat is on for this fall will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. The Theme this year is: "No Fear!" and will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75 before September 1, and includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Please plan to join us! On behalf of the ManUp! committee, Nathanael Mayhew”*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

AUGUST 9-14

Mon Exodus 16:2-15 It's depressing: God's people not only accused Him of starving them, they went so far as to wish God had not spared them on Passover night (3). Moses&Aaron took it on the chin, while God took it on His heart (2-5). His test: "Follow My directions religiously to receive the exact amount of nutrition you need—as proof that I AM your considerate, loving, good-hearted God—more than you deserve." Praise the LORD!

Tues John 6:24-35 In cosmopolitan Capernaum Jesus handled similar people, Jews secularized by societal pressures and programmed to do it their way, not God's. They expected to please God via good behavior, whereas Jesus took it out of their hands entirely. "God **gives** you the true bread . . . and **gives** life to the world." [Note: Verse 35 is crucial to understanding vv. 51-56.]

Wed Ephesians 4:17-24 The *OLD MAN* = our human nature, spiritually hard-hearted, ignorant, past feeling guilty, devoted to lust, filthy habits, and growing ever more corrupt in thought, word, and deed. Our *old man* stinks, and everything he touches stinks. So how can we survive? By *learning Christ*, by hearing and heeding Him, by stripping our *old man* naked—and then dressing ourselves in the outfit God has designed for us: the righteousness and true holiness of Jesus. Don't throw dirt on Jesus or His righteousness!!

Thurs Psalm 145 No dirt throwing here, but clean praise and pure adoration flowing from the converted heart (new man), extolling God's greatness, His wondrous works, awesome acts, and His righteousness (8-9, 14-17). Where do we mortals come into the picture? In the closing four stanzas, where we call upon Him for help as we revere and love Him. Indeed, we should revere, love, and trust in God above all else—first, last, and always. Amen!

Fri Ephesians 4:25-29 These verses may seem like over-kill, but from time to time we too need admonition to avoid cheating on others by lying/deceit (25) or harboring a grudge (26), for Satan is the father of such sinful urges (27). We are stealing from our employer when we slack off at work (28). Dirty language has gone viral; God has better use for our mouth/voice (29).

Sat Genesis 12:10-20 Abram's *new man* took a back seat to his *old man* in that he failed to trust God's protection during a famine in Canaan. He did not have God's permission to leave Canaan behind, but he went anyhow. That was a bad step which in turn led to other bad steps (11-13). How did God put a stop to the charade? To our surprise, He did so not by correcting Abram with His own voice from heaven, but by using a heathen to scold him in an earthly palace. That was enough to shame Abram for cheating on God, on his wife, and on his neighbor. Lord, have mercy on us for our foolishness!