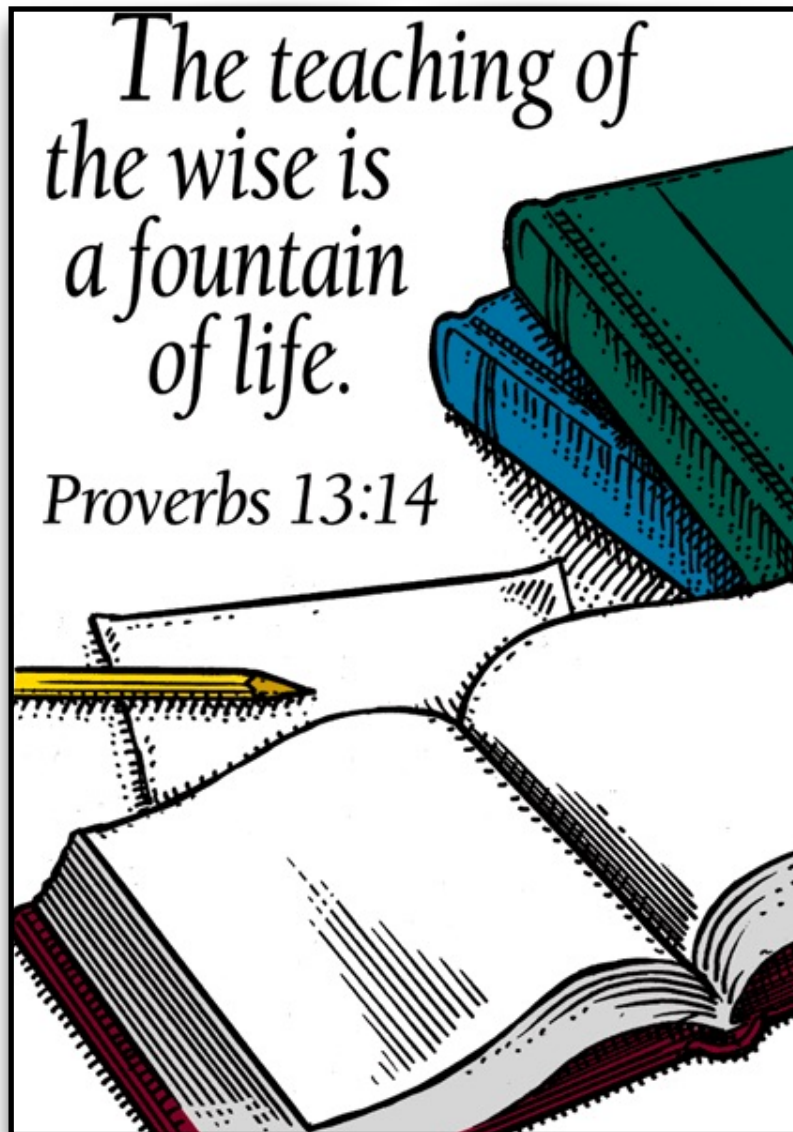


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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 1 (pew bible, p.481)
- ◆ The Hymns: 507, 536 (1,3), 684, 526
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 111
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom's Banquet

1. The elaborate preparation.
2. The golden invitation.
3. Its value: out-of-this-world!

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (526)

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Ephesians 5:15-20

15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. 19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 111

P Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heartL

C In the council of the upright and in the assembly.

P Great are the works of the Lord:

C They are pondered by all who delight in them.

P He has caused his wonders to be remembered:

C The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

P The works of his hands are faithful and just:

C All his precepts are trustworthy.

P They are steadfast for ever and ever:

C Done in faithfulness and uprightness.

P He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever:

C Holy and awesome is his name.

P The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding:

C To him belongs eternal praise.

Second Lesson – John 6:51-58

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” 52 Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” 53 Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Sermon Text – Proverbs 9:1-6

1 Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars. 2 She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. 3 She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city. 4 “Let all who are simple come in here!” she says to those who lack judgment. 5 “Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. 6 Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding.

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are glad 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 and worship with us again!

Serving Us At God’s House Today

Organist: Suzannah Miller

Ushers: Wayne and Joshua Ruegge

This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/22)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Choir Practice
Sun (8/29)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	3:00 pm	20th Anniversary Service <i>(see note below)</i>

Upcoming Events

- ◆ West Central Pastoral Conference, Sioux Falls SD, Sept.7-9
- ◆ Women’s Retreat West, Chadron State Park, Chadron NE, Sept 17-19

St. Paul 20th Anniversary Celebration Service

A special service of praise to our God – upon the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of our St. Paul church edifice (which took place on February 18, 2001) – will be conducted next Sunday, August 29, at 3:00 pm. Delwyn Maas, a former pastor of St. Paul, will serve as our guest speaker. A potluck meal will be served afterwards. Come, and invite a friend! Choir members, please note: we will run through our songs prior to the service at 2:30 pm.



Sunday School Calls Report: Mike Sprengeler has accepted the call to serve as a classroom instructor. Jo Ellen Blakey accepted the call to serve as a teacher substitute. Still considering their calls (as of yesterday): Carly Meyer, Joshua Ruegge (classroom instructors); Sharlene Chiappetti (teacher substitute); Lisa Sprengeler (music teacher); Julie Whitmer-Wright (cradle roll secretary). Suzannah Miller returned the call to serve as the Sunday School coordinator.

“The Opening Worship Service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be on Sun. Aug. 22, 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. The service will include the installation of the new ILC professor, David Schaller. For more details about the opening weekend schedule, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in the truth of God’s saving Word!” (from Board of Regents chairman, Pastor John Hein).

Classes will begin at Immanuel tomorrow, August 23. St. Paul has two young people attending Immanuel this year: John Sprengeler is beginning his second year, as a high school sophomore. Jesse Cornish Jr. is beginning his first year, as a high school freshman. We pray the Lord to richly bless them in the education they will receive at Immanuel. Let us also remember in our prayers all the youth and children of our church as they embark upon another year of schooling at other educational institutions.



God our Father, Your Son grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men. Bless, guide, and govern the children and young people of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Grant that they may serve You well and usefully, developing their talents not for their own sakes but for the glory of God and the welfare of their neighbor. Protect and defend them from all danger and harm, giving Your holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

AUGUST 23-28

Mon Proverbs 9:1-6 The Bible is full of picture language, and we understand that here Wisdom is being personified—described as a person who is productive and practical (1-2), hospitable and generous (3-5), offering a life-plan that will serve us well (6). Godly wisdom is no stranger to us, but a valuable companion at our back when our boots are on the ground (10).

Tues John 6:51-58 Bread doesn't serve its purpose until it is ingested and digested; then its food value does some good. Eating Jesus does not mean cannibalism or the Lord's Supper, but is picture language for appropriating His person, letting Him provide support from the inside-out. Verse 35 is the key; eating and inwardly digesting Jesus = becoming united with Him and receiving His accomplishments in humble faith. Simple enough.

Wed Ephesians 5:15-21 Now, when we have appropriated/ingested Jesus in our hearts, what is He going to do inside there? He's going to re-configure our mother board, change our default settings, and enlarge our parameters – so that we can maneuver around life's low spots (15-18) and take the high road, devoted to godly messaging and loving devotion to one another.

Thurs Psalm 1 [We knew it was coming] This psalm describes how Christians conduct themselves when rubbing elbows with raw humanity. First, we don't fall for the spiel of ungodly people; they don't have God's blessing. Second, we take the high road, not the low road. Third, we don't set ourselves down on the bleachers of the opposing team. Rather, in contrast, we enjoy Bible study because that's how God gets us to grow and prosper—while losers stay losers (4-5). Lord, have mercy on our generation!

Fri What Jesus calls "*living water*" can hardly cistern water, nor even river or lake water, for He says that it is *living*—lively and bubbly. Artesian water is bubbly, naturally purified and germ free; Jesus can pipe it into a person's heart, where it continues to bubble up inside that person and floats him/her along all the way to heaven. Now, what IS this life-giving and life sustaining water? What fits better than God's Spirit-empowered Word?

Sat Psalm 103:2-3 The psalmist makes a generous assertion when he says that the LORD *heals all our diseases*. Though our bodies are fragile, our health compromised by ailments, our lives mortal, and medical/hospital care does what it can, the bottom line is that God has programmed our blood to combat infection, our endocrine system to regulate all biological processes, and our immune cells to suffocate Covid 19 mutations, etc., etc. That's how God heals us from the inside-out. Then Jesus heals us from the virus of sin; that's His specialty. Thank You, dear God, for healing us in body and soul.