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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 19 (pew bible, p.489)
- ◆ The Hymns: 913, 705, 850, 325
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 11:18-20, Mark 9:30-37
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 92
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – James 3:13-18

Seek the Wisdom that Comes From Heaven

1. Worldly wisdom produces selfish living and bad fruit that dishonors God.
2. Heavenly wisdom produces spiritual living and good fruit that redounds to His praise.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (325, last page of bulletin)

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Jeremiah 11:18-20

18 Because the LORD revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. 19 I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." 20 But, O LORD Almighty, you who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 92

P How great are your works, O LORD:

C How profound your thoughts!

P The senseless man does not know:

C Fools do not understand,

P That though the wicked spring up like grass:

C And all evildoers flourish,

P They will be forever destroyed:

C But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.

P The righteous will flourish like a palm tree; planted in the house of the LORD:

C They will flourish in the courts of our God.

P They will still bear fruit in old age:

C They will stay fresh and green.

P Proclaiming, "The LORD is upright:

C He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

Second Lesson – Mark 9:30-37

30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." 32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. 33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. 35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." 36 He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Sermon Text – James 3:13-18

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

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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

Usher: Ed Chiappetti

This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/26)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Front Range Mission Festival Service hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne (<i>see note below</i>)
Sun (10/3)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, Oct.10, 10:45 am
Church Movie Night: Friday, Oct.15, 7:00 pm
Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, Oct.17, 10:45 am
Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, Oct.23, 8:00 am to noon

Upcoming Synod Events

- Man-Up Men's Retreat at Wyalusing State Park, Prairie du Chien WI: Sept.30–Oct.3
- Pacific Coast Women's Retreat at Ponderosa Lodge, Cusick WA: Oct.22-24
- Front Range Reformation Festival Service, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland: Sunday, Oct.31, 3:00 pm

Front Range Mission Festival Service: Today! Hosted by Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne. The service time is 3:00 pm. Pastor Del Maas of Mapleton ND will conduct the service and serve as guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend this afternoon focused on our Lord's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. If you plan to attend, you are asked to bring a dessert or salad for the after-service potluck. If you are interested in singing in the choir there will be a rehearsal prior to the service at 2:30 pm.

Choir Practices Are Scheduled for Sunday, October 17, 24, and 31 at 8:30 am. We will work on a song for the Reformation Festival Service on October 31.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Mark Hartmeister, Oct 1	Jaxon Potter, Oct 14
John Sprengeler, Oct 8	Sharlene Chiappetti, Oct 29

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 2

Mon Jeremiah 11:18-20 God informed Jeremiah of the evils which Jews had done to themselves (such as worshiping with satanic cults, 17), and he found out later that he had been blacklisted by those same cultists. Suffering at the hands of idolaters is not out-dated; it happens with Christians in other lands—just as Jesus faced bloody opposition by setting His face toward Jerusalem. In such straits, we need to test our own minds/hearts so that we be God-pleasing in our motivations and in pursuit of God’s business (20).

Tues Mark 9:14-29 Their discussion/argument centered on the right method for exorcising the demon who controlled and tortured the lad. His father—almost in despair—begged Jesus: “If you can, do something to help us!” Jesus fed his weak appeal back to him (What do you mean when you say) “*If you can!?*”) and then opened the gates of heaven via faith in Him. We join that father in responding: “Lord, I believe you are my Savior; help me overcome my weakness of faith in moments of crisis. Thank You!”

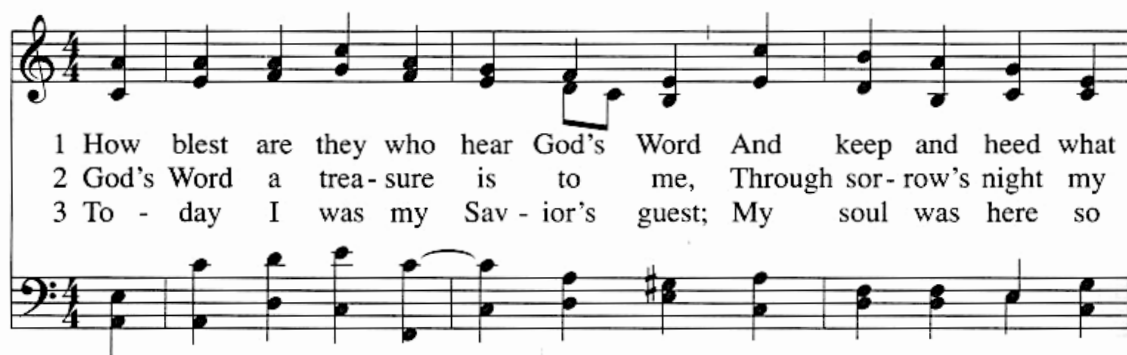
Wed James 3:13-18 The Holy Spirit uses James to hold our feet to the fire, i.e., to self-examine our motives. Are they godly, or are they selfish? Is our basic character meekly wise, or is it aggressively stupid? It’s not only God who looks for godly wisdom in our demeanor, but our fellow Christians depend on us to *treat them gently, be willing to yield, full of mercy and good conduct, impartial and solid*. What goes around . . . comes around.

Thurs Psalm 31 If verses that are bright with reverent devotion were color-coded, vv. 1-5, 14-16, and 19-24 would be sunshine yellow. When David was about to collapse (9-13), God came to his rescue (14-16) with goodness (18) and *sheltered him in the secret places of His presence* (20). *Oh, love the LORD, you saints! Be of good courage, for He shall strengthen your heart* (21).

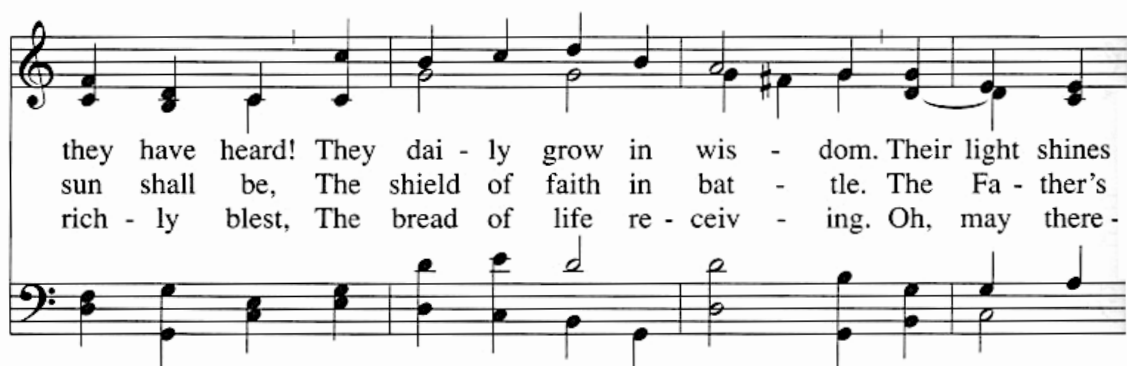
Fri Mark 9:30-37 If we hesitate to ask questions in Bible Class, it’s because we don’t want to look foolish (32), and when Jesus faces us with His own questions, we get embarrassed (34), for we are selfish. Further, let’s pay close attention to how we treat the younger generation, for they depend on us to nurture them in God’s Word and daily godliness.

Sat James 4:1-6 Evidently James lived in a violent world, and Christian Jews in such a world got sucked into that black hole. They prostituted God in order to feed their pleasures (2-3), cheated on Him by loving His enemies, and frustrated the Holy Spirit’s yearning to sanctify them. Even with all that going against their best interests, God did not disavow them but kept them close to His heart. God is good! Amen!

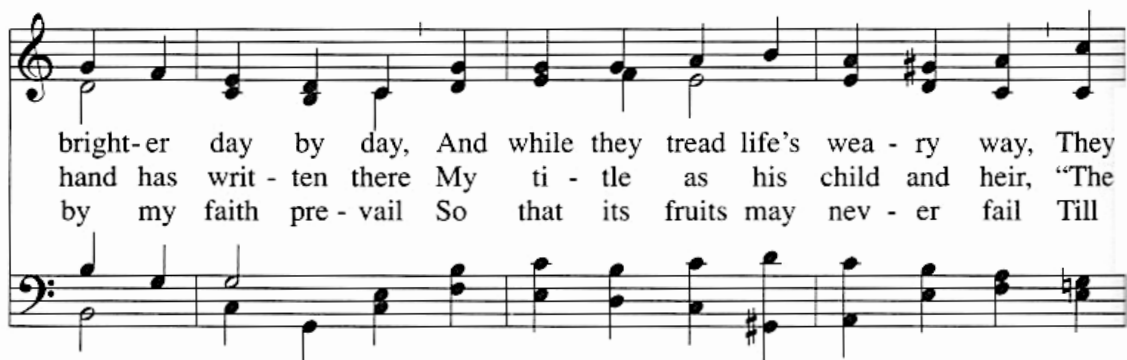
How Blest Are They Who Hear



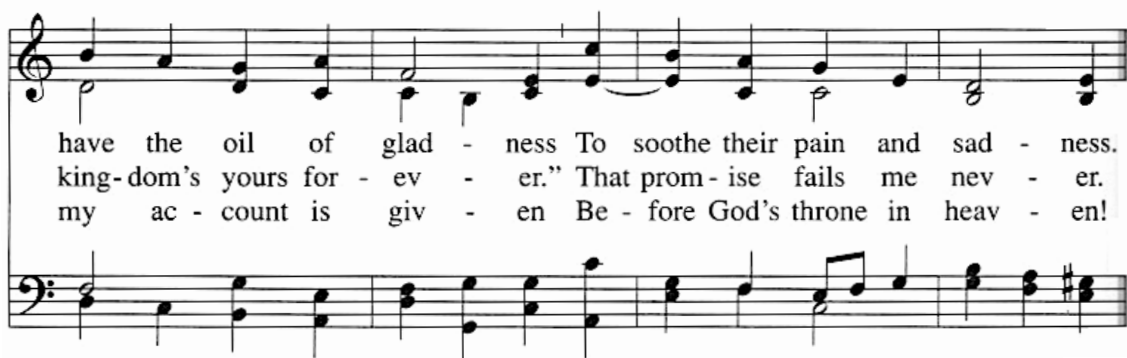
1 How blest are they who hear God's Word And keep and heed what
 2 God's Word a trea - sure is to me, Through sor - row's night my
 3 To - day I was my Sav - ior's guest; My soul was here so



they have heard! They dai - ly grow in wis - dom. Their light shines
 sun shall be, The shield of faith in bat - tle. The Fa - ther's
 rich - ly blest, The bread of life re - ceiv - ing. Oh, may there -



bright - er day by day, And while they tread life's wea - ry way, They
 hand has writ - ten there My ti - tle as his child and heir, "The
 by my faith pre - vail So that its fruits may nev - er fail Till



have the oil of glad - ness To soothe their pain and sad - ness.
 king - dom's yours for - ev - er." That prom - ise fails me nev - er.
 my ac - count is giv - en Be - fore God's throne in heav - en!