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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Carly Meyer; Usher: Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 139:13-24 (pew bible, p.555)
- ◆ The Hymns: 728, 866, 864, 725
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 103
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Mark 10:2-16

“Parents, Love Your Children”

1. By cultivating a strong marriage.
2. By bringing your children to Jesus.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (725)

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Genesis 2:18-24

18 The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” 19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” 24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 103

P Praise the LORD, O my soul:

C All my inmost being, praise his holy name.

P He forgives all your sins:

C And heals all your diseases.

P He redeems your life from the grave:

C And crowns you with love and compassion,

P The LORD is compassionate and gracious:

C Slow to anger, abounding in love.

P He will not always accuse:

C Nor will he harbor his anger forever.

P He does not treat us as our sins deserve:

C Or repay us according to our iniquities.

P For as high as the heavens are above the earth:

C So great is his love for those who fear him.

P As far as the east is from the west:

C So far has he removed our transgressions from us.

P As a father has compassion on his children:

C So the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

P For he knows how we are formed:

C He remembers that we are dust.

P Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field:

C The wind blows over it and it is gone.

P But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD’S love is with those who fear him:

C And his righteousness with their children’s children—

P With those who keep his covenant:

C And remember to obey his precepts.

Second Lesson – Hebrews 2:9-11

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. 10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

Sermon Text – Mark 10:2-16

2 Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” 3 “What did Moses command you?” he replied. 4 They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.” 5 “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. 6 “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ 7 ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, 8 and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.” 10 When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. 11 He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. 12 And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.” 13 People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” 16 And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

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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!

This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/10)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting
Fri	7:00 pm	Church Movie Night (<i>see note below</i>)
Sun (10/17)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Extended Calendar

Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, Oct.23, 8:00 am to noon

Upcoming Synod Events

- 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 (*see note below*)
- A women's retreat is planned in Myrtle Beach SC, from November 5-7. The theme is "Walking with Jesus." The registration fee is \$40, plus the cost of transportation and hotel. For more info contact Amy Osborne at 651-329-3662 or newyorker13@hotmail.com.

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

The Front Range Reformation Festival Service will be Sunday, October 31 at 3:00 pm, hosted by Prince of Peace, Loveland. The three speakers for the service will share with us some of the events of the Lutheran Reformation that occurred 500 years ago. All are invited to attend this service that will focus upon our Reformation heritage. Please inform the pastor today if you plan to attend.

Synod Announcements

- The Committee of Domestic Fields, a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 3 pm Central Time. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel – marktiefel@hotmail.com. The webinar theme is “*Mission Myths*” and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details on the CDF website - <https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/>.
- Pastor Dave Fuerstenau, Holy Truth Lutheran Church, Ketchikan AK, has retired from the public ministry. He has served as a pastor since 1985. He and his wife Roxy will reside in Eau Claire WI.
- At a recent CLC area pastoral conference, a paper was delivered that is timely and valuable. It was written by Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, who serves our sister congregation in Winter Haven FL. The title of the paper is “*Approaching Matters of Health & Science without Divisiveness.*” You may know people who have strong opinions on both sides of current debates concerning medical issues. This paper provides a valuable reminder about our unity concerning the things that are objectively true and life-saving from the Word of God, and our obligation to bear with each other in all other matters, in Christian love. With the author’s permission, hard copies are available in the tract rack and may also be accessed at www.tinyurl.com/SR-health-science.
- The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2022. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2022. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 15, 2021 (letters postmarked December 1, 2021) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
OCTOBER 11-16

Mon Genesis 2:18-24 Adam had a lot going for him: life, liberty, and a pleasant environment, but after reviewing all the animals, he arrived at the conclusion that no mate for him existed in the animal kingdom (19-20). Since he lacked a mate (and family), God created Eve—whom Adam received as his counterpart, his companion, and his life-long partner (23-24).

Tues Mark 10:2-16 Humans are fickle, questioning God's good judgment (2-5) when He created humans as male and female, separate in personhood and distinguishable from one another—yet when conjoined in marriage, fused in body and spirit (7-9). Humans often mess up this fine arrangement without God's approval (10-12), so He starts over with the next generation (13-16).

Wed Hebrews 2:9-11 Here's a secret revealed: God's Son joined the human race for the express purpose of countering humanity's sin syndrome, taking the bite out of death—which wasn't easy but brutal and bloody. *Tasting death for everyone* offers a brief reminder that Jesus' descent into the hellish nightmare He suffered was done to spare you and me from hell.

Thurs Psalm 139:7-12 Humans are stupid enough to try to get away from God—but not even the grave turns out to be a good hiding place (7-9). God is not only inescapable but also omnipresent; in love He doesn't let His children fall through the cracks. Though we live in a cracked world ready to fall apart at the seams any day now, our Father holds us in His hands. Safe at last!

Fri John 8:3-11 Since God despises sex sins—including adultery, those who are living in such sins deserve to be executed. Right? Yes, that's right—but God has provided the escape clause of repentance and forgiveness (6-11). Actually, since all are guilty of sins that deserve the death penalty (6-9), everyone should remove themselves from jury duty and allow God to do what He does best: forgive repentant sinners and send them on their way.

Sat Ephesians 5:22-33 puts us to shame, for too often Christian wives do not *submit themselves to their own husbands as (they submit) to the Lord Jesus Himself* (20-24)—and too often husbands do not *love their wives as Jesus loves His bride*, the holy Christian Church of all believers (25). Note: Jesus worked at His/our marriage (26) so that His bride/we would be proud to stand at His side (27). Dear husbands and wives, don't let another day go by without renewing your vows/love to one another! God help us to do so – in service to our Savior also!