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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: Suzannah Miller; Usher: Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 90 (pew bible, p.529)
- ◆ The Hymns: 948, 644, 779 (*tan hymnal*), 460 (*back page of bulletin*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Amos 5:5-6,10-15; Mark 10:17-27
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 77
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

Sermon Text – Hebrews 3:1-6

“Fix Your Thoughts on Jesus”

1. He is faithful, as Moses was.
2. He is worthy of greater honor than Moses.
3. He is the fulfillment of what Moses said.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Reception of New Member, DeLisa Poholek
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (460, back 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 – Amos 5:6-7,10-15

5 Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. 7 You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground. | 10 You hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth. 11 You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. 12 For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. 13 Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil. 14 Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. 15 Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 77

P I cried out to God for help:

C I cried out to God to hear me.

P When I was in distress, I sought the Lord:

C At night I stretched out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted.

P I remembered you, O God, and I groaned:

C I mused, and my spirit grew faint.

P Then I thought, "To this I will appeal:

C The years of the right hand of the Most High."

P I will remember the deeds of the LORD:

C Yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

P Your ways, O God, are holy:

C What god is so great as our God?

P You are the God who performs miracles:

C You display your power among the peoples.

P Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters:

C Though your footprints were not seen.

P You led your people like a flock

C By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Second Lesson – Matthew 10:17-27

17 "Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. 18 On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. 19 But when they arrest you, do not

worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, 20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. 21 “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. 22 All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. 23 When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. 24 “A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! 26 “So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. 27 What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

Sermon Text – Hebrews 3:1-6

1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5 Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house, testifying to what would be said in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as a son over God’s house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

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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 is 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 (10/17)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Sat	8:00 am	Fall Clean-Up (till noon)
Sun (10/24)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

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.

Fall Work Day: This Saturday, October 23, 8:00 am to noon.

Choir Practices Are Scheduled for the next two Sundays, October 24 and 31 at 8:30 am. We will continue working on the song "*Thy Strong Word*" for the Reformation Festival Service on October 31.

The Annual 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 if you plan to attend, if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, November 24, 7:00 pm

Each Spring and Fall the Various Synodical Boards of the CLC meet to conduct the work of the Lord among us. Representatives from each board (Doctrine, Missions, Education & Publications, Regents, Trustees) then meet together as the "Coordinating Council" to consider budgets and other business matters related to our church work together, according to the direction the president. In your mailbox today you will find a summary report of actions taken at the Fall 2021 CC meetings (held in Eau Claire a few weeks ago). Copies of the *entire* CC Report may be found at this address on the internet: tinyurl.com/clc-cc-fall-21. The *summary* report may also be viewed here: tinyurl.com/cc-sum-fall21.

Synod Announcements

- 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.

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Closing Hymn

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

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Behold the Sure Foundation - Stone

Ps. 118: 22
Isaac Watts, 1719

C. M.

St. Anne
William Croft, 1708

1 Be - hold the sure Foun-da - tion-stone Which God in Zi - on lays
2 Cho-sen of God, to sin - ners dear, Let saints a - dore the name;
3 The fool - ish build-ers, scribe and priest, Re - ject it with dis - dain;

To build our heav'n-ly hopes up - on And His e - ter - nal praise.
They trust their whole sal - va - tion here, Nor shall they suf - fer shame.
Yet on this Rock the Church shall rest And en - vy rage in vain. A - men.

4 What though the gates of hell withstood,
Yet must this building rise.
'Tis Thine own work, Almighty God,
And wondrous in our eyes.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 18-23

Mon Amos 5:10-15 has the most intense admonition to be found anywhere in the Bible. Now, who should *seek the Lord and live*? People sliding into immoral muck and religious heresy, whose personal and national values were spiraling down into a black hole (10-13). To them Amos made this urgent appeal: *seek good and not evil, that you may live; it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant who return to God not just in theory but in genuine, unconditioned repentance. It can happen.*

Tues Mark 10:17-27 The wealthy fellow arrived cheerfully but departed dis-heartened. He seemed eager for more homework, for he was faithful in his daily duties, but Jesus' new assignment was very challenging. Now then, since graduation (to heaven) was still out of his reach, Jesus in compassion prescribed a task that could turn the tide. Was the fellow dedicated enough to accept and fulfill the tough assignment? God could make it happen.

Wed Hebrews 3:1-6 Jesus never fudged on His assignment but was flawless. Since He never cut corners, He is 100% dependable, and as long as *we hold fast to Him*, we enjoy His accomplishment *firm to the end. Our High Priest was faithful to His Father's assignment*, which puts even Moses in the shade. Jesus is superior by reason of being the Son, having jurisdiction over God's family circle, including you and me. Jesus has made it happen.

Thurs Psalm 90 Moses, trusty servant in God's household, praises God for His timelessness (1-2), in contrast to the timeliness of human life (3-6). As for ourselves, *all our days have passed away in God's wrath—whether 70, 80, or more years—it is soon cut off, and we fly away.* That's why we plead with God to *have compassion on us* and allow us to get the big picture—the *beauty of the Lord our God. The work of our hands* follows. It does happen.

Fri Mark 10:23-25 Are kingdom of heaven and *kingdom of God* identical? Right after Jesus dealt with the rich fellow who wanted to enter eternal life, He laid it out to His disciples, using the term *kingdom of God* (three times). Actually, being subject to God's dominion while living on Earth is necessary and proper prelude to living in the kingdom of God in heaven. God's kingdom has one foot on Earth and the other in Heaven. It figures.

Sat Hebrews 3:7-4:9 presents the fatal consequences of being a disbeliever of God's promises—to jolt us out of any complacency about the inheritance God has waiting for us. God has promised eternal *rest* to those who seek it via Jesus, and His invitation is still on-line. So let's take the warning to heart and also trust God to have a *resting place* reserved for us. See you there.