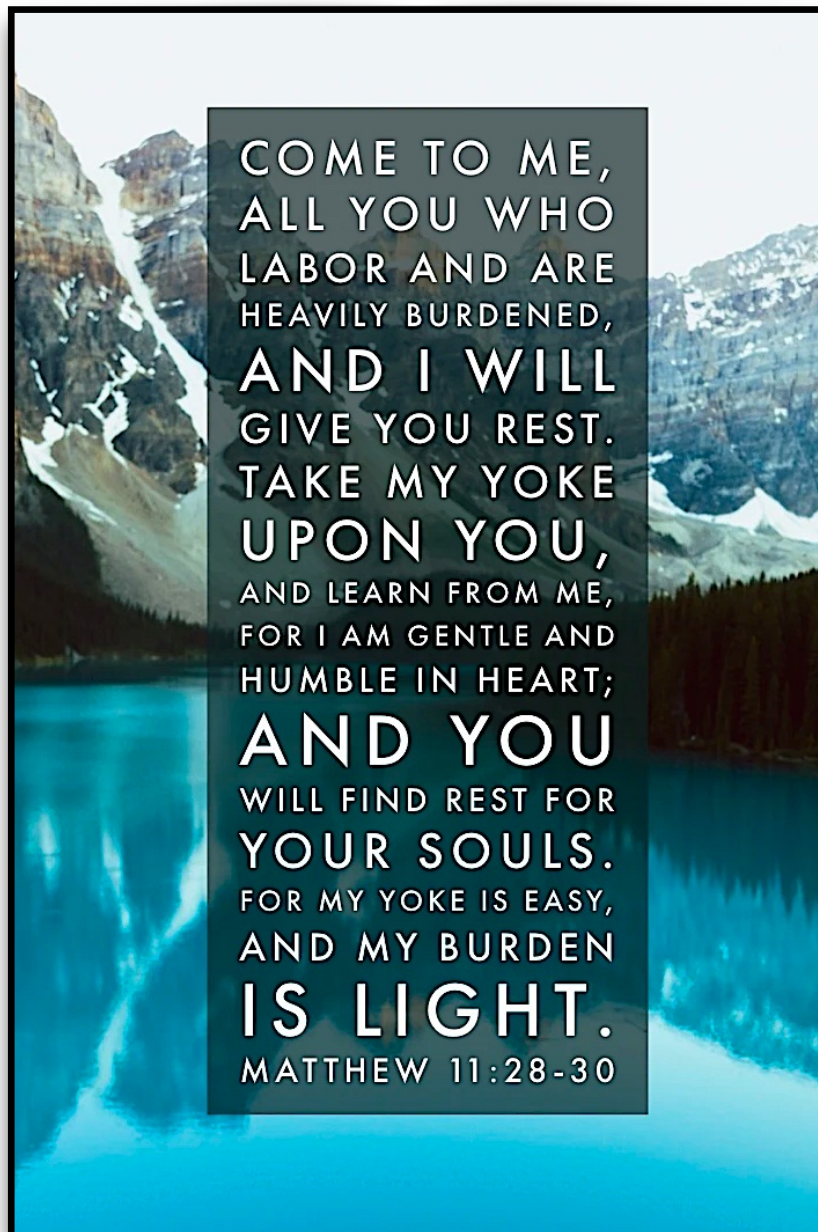


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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us At God's House Today

Lay Minister: Ed Chiappetti

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler; Usher: Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 62 (pew bible, p.512)
- ◆ The Hymns: 281 (back page), 770, 684, 918
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 116
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

Sermon Text – Matthew 11:25-30

“Rest for the Weary”

(A CLC Ministry by Mail Sermon)

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn, 918

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 116

P I love the LORD, for he heard my voice:

C He heard my cry for mercy.

P Because he turned his ear to me:

C I will call on him as long as I live.

P The LORD is gracious and righteous:

C Our God is full of compassion.

P The LORD protects the simplehearted:

C When I was in great need, he saved me.

P Be at rest once more, O my soul:

C For the LORD has been good to you.

Second Lesson – Luke 15:1-10

1 Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” 3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. 8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Sermon Text – Matthew 11:25-30

25 At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. 26 Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” [NKJV]

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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 (10/24)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (10/31)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Front Range Reformation Festival Service, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland

The Annual Front Range Reformation Festival Service will be next 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.

Our Current Sunday Adult Bible Study Topic is Lesson 11 “*God’s Holy Spirit*” (from the study course “*LEARN FROM ME*”). In this lesson we are looking into what the Bible says about the work of the third Person of our Triune God, the Holy Spirit. Among the questions we are considering are: 1) Where does the Bible teach that the Holy Spirit is God (along with the Father and the Son)? 2) Why is the Spirit’s work of conversion important for every human being? 3) What important things does He do for us after our conversion? 4) God wants everyone to be saved for heaven. So why are *some* saved and not *others*?

The next lesson in our study will be “*The Sacrament of Baptism.*” Among the questions we will consider and search for answers from the Scriptures are: 1) What is a Sacrament? 2) Where does Baptism derive its power to accomplish the amazing things that it does? 3) What blessings does God convey to people through the Sacrament of Baptism? 4) What is the Bible basis for baptizing babies? 5) What meaning does the Sacrament of Baptism – performed in the past – have for our lives in the present?

All are invited to participate in the blessings of Bible Class, recalling Jesus’ words: “*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls*” (Matthew 11:28-29).

Two New Communicant Members were received into our St. Paul church family last Sunday: DeLisa Poholek and Dennis Roberson. (both of whom recently completed a Bible information class with the pastor). We warmly welcome them into our fellowship in the name of Jesus, and give praise and glory to our Lord for His gifts of these like-minded believers to our congregation. God is good!

A New Member Reception Is Planned for Sunday, November 14, following the worship service for those who became a part of our St. Paul church family during the past year: Karen Thompson; Jesse and Shelly Cornish and children Jesse Jr, Joseph, and Jacob; Dennis Roberson; and DeLisa Poholek. Karen was received as a communicant member in February. The Cornish’s were received as new members by transfer (from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato MN) in June. Dennis and DeLisa were received as communicants at the Voters’ Meeting last Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend the welcome reception. Soup and sandwiches will be served. “*How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!*” Psalm 133:1.

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

“Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors’ Day is coming up on Friday, November 12th on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Activities will begin with chapel at 10:05 A.M. in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Come and learn more about your church’s college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Visitors will be our guests for lunch and supper in the cafeteria, and in the evening are invited to join us for ILC’s fall theatrical production, *The Music Man*. Speak with your pastor if you’re interested in attending. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu.”

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 25-30

Mon Isaiah 53:10-12 stops us in our tracks and opens the great mystery of the planning that lay behind Christmas, Calvary, and Easter. The LORD God did not begrudge sending Messiah Jesus down to our planet but was *pleased* to redeem and reclaim humanity from a fate worse than death. Jesus would *make His soul an offering for sin and would prosper in bearing their/our iniquities*, and **therefore** receive the acclimation He deserved. Hallelujah!

Tues Mark 10:35-45 Those adults were acting like children—trying to elbow their way to the head of the line (35-37), failing to realize it would put them on track to Calvary (38-39). Besides, the table seating in heaven had already been set (40). Since the virus of selfishness was spreading (41), Jesus clarified that God values the giving of service rather the receiving of service (45).

Wed Hebrews 4:11-16 God can read our minds, so He knows what nobody else knows about us; He can read our diaries, tune in on our daydreams, poke around in our garbage (11-13)--and instead of being revolted, God *sympathizes with our weakness* and invites us to *come boldly to the throne of grace, to obtain mercy* (not condemnation)and *find grace* (not grumpiness) *to help* (not hamper) us *in our time of need*. **God is our refuge!**

Thurs Psalm 22 lets us read Jesus' heart as He claims no favor from God (1-2) while He favored others (3-5) even when He was stepped on (6) and mocked (7-8). *"I have gone from being favored (9-11) to being victimized (12-13), to suffering, (14-15) and to execution (16-18). Nevertheless, I turn to Thee, dear Father, for help (19-21), and I praise Thee (22-26). In mercy reach out to others (27-29) even unto future generations (30-31)."* Amen.

Fri Mark 11:27-33 Disbelievers have an appetite for trying to discredit our Savior (27-28). In this case, Jesus turned the tables on them with a question they declined to answer—for they would get into trouble either way, whether they approved or disapproved of John the Baptizer. How sad that they slunk away from this blessed opportunity to admit they were fighting a losing battle – and they should simply surrender to Jesus. Lord, have mercy!

Sat Hebrews 6:1-8 Those who are familiar with basic Christian doctrines (1-2) may wonder and worry about those who have fallen through the cracks. More precisely, when someone turns his back on the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier and is sliding toward hell — is there no hope for such a soul? Our Savior's word in Matthew 19:26 supplies the solution: While it is impossible for us *to renew them again to repentance*, it is not impossible for God. Dear God, grant such a miracle of grace and such a reformation!

Opening Hymn

INVITATION


The Savior Calls; Let Every Ear

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Matt. 11: 28
Anne Steele, 1760

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1 The Sav - ior calls; let ev - 'ry ear At-
2 For ev - 'ry thirst - y, long - ing heart Here
3 Here springs of sa - cred plea - sures rise To
4 Ye sin - ners, come, 'tis Mer - cy's voice; The



tend the heav'n - ly sound. Ye doubt - ing souls, dis-
streams of boun - ty flow And life and health and
ease your ev - 'ry pain; Im - mor - tal foun - tain,
gra - cious call o - bey; Mer - cy in - vites to



miss your fear; Hope smiles re - viv - ing round.
bliss im - part To ban - ish mor - tal woe.
full sup - plies! Nor shall you thirst in vain.
heav'n - ly joys, And can you yet de - lay? A - men.



5 Dear Savior, draw reluctant hearts;
To Thee let sinners fly
And take the bliss Thy love imparts
And drink and never die.