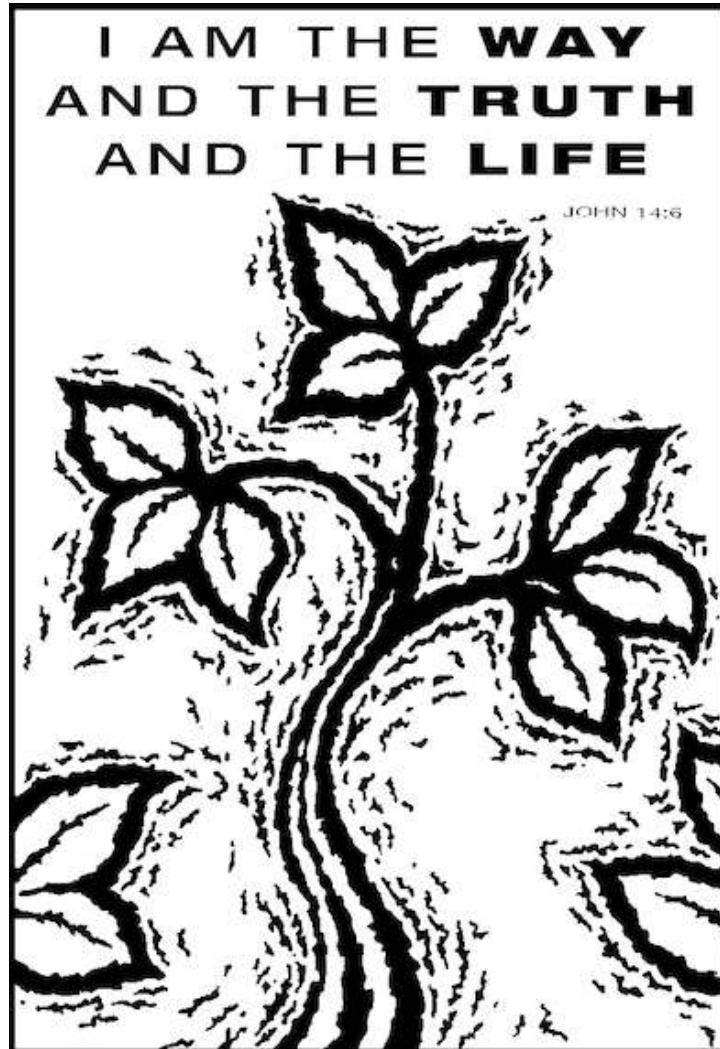


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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 25 (pew bible, p4.92)
- ◆ The Hymns: 816, 716, 575 (1-3), 575 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 66:16-23, Hebrews 12:4-24
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1

### **Sermon Text – Luke 13:22-30**

#### ***"THE NARROW DOOR OF HEAVEN"***

1. Entrance only through faith in Jesus.
2. Familiarity with Jesus isn't enough.
  2. Strive to enter it!

*(a CLC Ministry-by-Mail sermon)*

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (575, stanza 5)

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**A SPECIAL WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS.** The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

*Large print bulletins are available in the tract rack or by request from an usher*

# TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

## First Lesson – Isaiah 66:16-23

18 "And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory. 19 "I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. 20 And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says the LORD. "They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. 21 And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites," says the LORD. 22 "As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the LORD, "so will your name and descendants endure. 23 From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me," says the LORD.

## Psalm of the Day – Psalm 1

P Blessed is the man, who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked:

**C Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.**

P But his delight is in the law of the LORD:

**C And on his law he meditates day and night.**

P He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season:

**C And whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

P Not so the wicked! They are like chaff:

**C That the wind blows away.**

P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment:

**C Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

P For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous:

**C But the way of the wicked will perish.**

## Second Lesson – Hebrews 12:4-24

4 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5 And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." 7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? 8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! 10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good,

that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. 12 Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. 13 "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. 14 Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. 16 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. 17 Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears. 18 You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; 19 to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, 20 because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned." 21 The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." 22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, 23 to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

### **Sermon Text – Luke 13:22-30**

22 He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' 26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' 27 But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' 28 In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. 29 And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. 30 And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." [ESV]

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (9/15)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Worship in the Tabernacle, OT 27)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Thurs	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting (parsonage)
Fri-Sun		Women's Retreat West, Chadron NE
Sun (9/22)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Twelve Spies, OT 28)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

### EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Fall Mission Festival: Sunday, Sept.29, 3 pm (guest speaker, Pastor Matthew Ude); mission presentation 4 pm; meal: 5 pm
- Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, Oct.12

### SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING SEPTEMBER

- Ushers: Larry Reed, Mark Hartmeister
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Ed Chiappetti

**OUR THANKS** to Ed Chiappetti for conducting today's service in the pastor's absence.

**ELDERS' MEETING:** This Thursday at 6:30 pm at the parsonage.

**IN THE HOME BIBLE CLASS:** In a recent elders' meeting the idea was discussed of holding a during-the-week evening Bible Class in the homes of St. Paul members. It would likely be held on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday night. Time: 6:30 or 7:00 pm. The idea is also to invite unchurched friends and neighbors, and there would be coffee and snacks. Please inform pastor if you are willing and able to host one or more such gatherings.