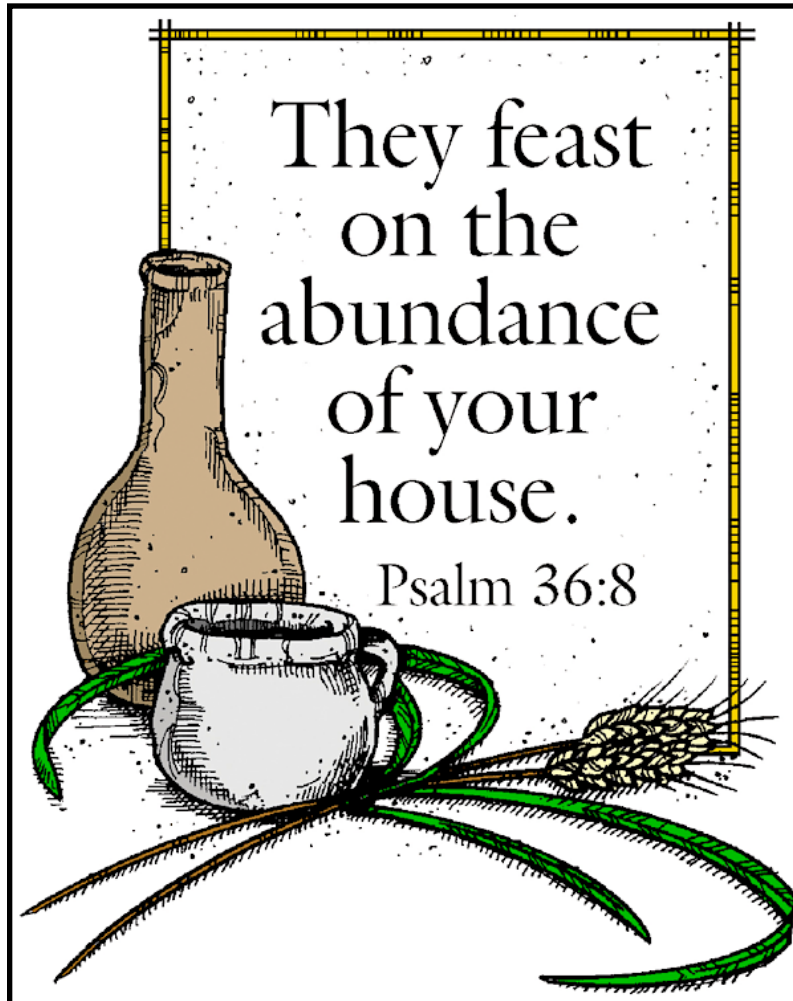


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 145 (pew bible, p.557)
- ◆ The Hymns: 876, 702, 570, 921
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Ephesians 2:11-22
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 73

Sermon Text – Matthew 15:21-28

THERE IS BREAD ENOUGH FOR ALL

1. For those who “don’t belong.”
2. Through faith in Christ Jesus.

- ◆ Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (921)

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

*You may contribute an offering for God’s kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located in the foyer. There
will be no offering collection during the service.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Isaiah 56:1,6-8

1 This is what the LORD says: “Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. 6 And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant— 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” 8 The Sovereign LORD declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 73

P I am always with you, O LORD;

C You hold me by my right hand.

P You guide me with your counsel,

C And afterward you will take me into glory.

P Whom have I in heaven but you?:

C And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

P My flesh and my heart may fail:

C But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Second Lesson – Ephesians 2:11-22

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (that done in the body by the hands of men)— 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with

God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Sermon Text – Matthew 15:21-28

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." 25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. 26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." 27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning! The members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church consider it an honor and privilege to share with you the words of eternal life in Jesus Christ, the world's only Savior. Please sign the guest register in the front entry and come worship with us again!

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- ◆ Organist: Lisa Sprengeler
- ◆ Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Zachary Ruegge
- ◆ Elder: Ed Chiappetti

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (8/30) 9:30 am Worship Service
Sun (9/6) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- ◆ West-Central Pastoral Conference: Sept.8-10 (hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne)
- ◆ Sunday School Staff Installation: Sunday, Sept.13
- ◆ Sunday School & Adult Bible Class resume: Sunday, Sept.13

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PASTORAL CALL

As announced last Sunday, I recently received a call to serve as the pastor of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Morris, Minnesota. After today's worship service I will share information about Bethel congregation. Opportunity will be given to answer questions you may have about this flock of the Lord and its ministry needs.

I request your prayers in my behalf that the Lord guide me in my deliberations and lead me to a decision in keeping with His will and that will serve for the good of His people in Lakewood and Morris. I welcome your input and counsel. Input that will be particularly helpful will include the reason(s) why you believe I should accept or decline it, that relate to the ministry needs at St. Paul and Bethel.

Thank you! Pastor Schuetze

OTHER CALL NEWS: Pastor Chad Seybt of Redeemer, Cheyenne, has been called to serve the tri-parish of Morningstar of Fairchild; Trinity of Millston; and Peace with God of Onalaska, WI. <> Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Eden Prairie, MN; Morris, MN; Bowdle/Ipswich, SD; Fairchild/Millston/Onalaska, WI; and Spokane, WA.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Ed Chiappetti, Sept 1	Courtney Wamboldt, Sept 24
Pastor Schuetze, Sept 9	(Don & Ruth Claeys, Sept 3)
Kathy Soucek, Sept 17	(Jim & Linda Wamboldt, Sept 9)
Joyce Maulis, Sept 19	

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 5

Mon Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Obviously, people who honor God and live as His dear children reach out to others—in this case, foreigners, who are then nurtured by the Holy Spirit to join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants. It's very clear that God has always had a heart for non-Jews; since He loves them, God urges us to move forward in our mission endeavors to reach and rescue them. Yea and Amen!

Tues John 15:1-11 Father&Son are concerned about the health of their vines and maintain productivity by cleansing the vines with a pruning knife. More precisely, the pruning knife is the Word He has spoken to us (3), the words/message that remain in our hearts (7), God's cherished precepts (10). How else would you expect God to operate with His children but by His loving maintenance, to correct and care for us in His vineyard?

Wed 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 When I am weak, then I am strong is not a riddle. Just follow the line of thought: Jesus was protecting Paul from harmful pride by afflicting him with a thorn in the flesh. [All it takes is a sliver in thumb or eyelid to bring things to a screeching halt.] When Jesus declined to lift that infirmity, Paul caught on that Jesus was controlling his life for his spiritual benefit, and he got to really understand When I am weak, then I am strong.

Thurs Deuteronomy 8:1-3,11-20 What's good about the pandemic? It may be that God is using it to humble us and to test us, to make us know that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD—as Jesus pointed out to Satan (Matt.4:4). How amazing that God makes use of a microscopic virus to remind us of our mortality and refocus our thinking to the LORD, who works in mysterious ways His purpose to fulfill.

Fri Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus was always on the move—even crossing borders in order to meet somebody who needed His help (21-22). But why did He seem so aloof? For the good reason that He was testing her willpower and her faith in Him, of course. The way to build muscle is to make muscles work harder than before. Same with the muscle of faith-dependence on God.

Sat Acts 16:6-15 North-west Turkey was bypassed (6-8) on this trip because of more urgent need farther west, in the borderlands of Europe. In response to God's call, the mission team sailed across the Aegean Sea to the seaport of Philippi. Although the missionaries did not find the man-of-the-vision, they discovered others whom God had prepared for the gospel, women who were meeting at Riverside Park for Sabbath worship. Apparently Lydia was a leader, and she convinced the missionaries to lodge in her home; she and members of her household became converts. Praise the Lord and hallelujah!