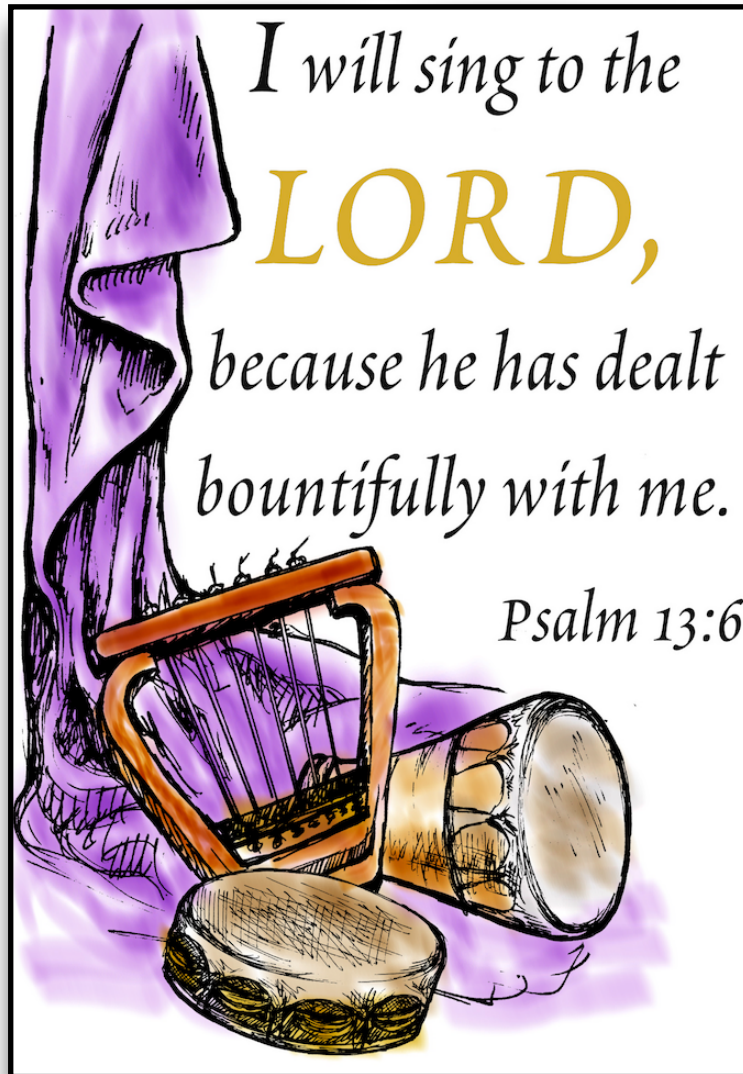


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JULY 18, 2021**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 89:1-8 (*pew bible, p.528*)
- ◆ The Hymns: 803, 528, 573, 918
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Amos 7:10-15, Mark 6:7-12
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 71
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

Sermon Text – Ephesians 1:3-14

THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE

1. When and where they originated.
2. How they became yours.
3. What it means for your future.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (918)

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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 by the back pew.

There will be no offering collection during the service.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Amos 7:10-15

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. 11 For this is what Amos is saying: “‘Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.’” 12 Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. 13 Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.” 14 Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor a prophet’s son, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. 15 But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 71

P In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge:

C Let me never be put to shame.

P Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness:

C Turn your ear to me and save me.

P Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go:

C For you are my rock and my fortress.

P Since my youth, O God, you have taught me:

C And to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

P Even when I am old and gray:

C Do not forsake me, O God.

P Till I declare your power to the next generation:

C Your might to all who are to come.

Second Lesson – Mark 6:7-12

7 Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. 8 These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. 9 Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. 10 Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. 11 And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them.” 12 They went out and preached that people should repent. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Sermon Text – Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the

creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8 that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. 9 And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. 11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and glad that 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 worship with us again!

Serving Us At God’s House Today

Organist: Carly Meyer

Usher: Mike Sprengeler

This Week at St. Paul

Today (7/18)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class (Convention Report)
Sun (7/25)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters’ Meeting

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Elders' Meeting: Sunday, Aug 1, 8:30 am
- ◆ St. Paul Church Dedication 20th Anniversary Service: Sunday, Aug 29, 3:00 pm (see below)
- ◆ West Central Pastoral Conference, Sioux Falls, SD, Sept.7-9
- ◆ Women's Retreat West, Chadron State Park, Chadron NE, Sept 17-19

In Our Prayers: Diana Vigil who is scheduled to undergo hip replacement surgery this Friday, July 23.

Parking Lot Improvements: The church parking lot will be cleaned, cracks filled, sealed and striped on Thursday, July 29th. There should be no cars in the parking lot on Thursday and no traffic in the lot until Saturday the 31st in order to let everything cure and dry prior to use. Thank you! Questions? See Board of Trustees member, Mike Sprengeler.

Anniversary Service: A special service of praise to our God will be conducted at St. Paul on Sunday, August 29, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, with former pastor of St. Paul, Pastor Delwyn Maas of Mapleton ND, serving as guest speaker. A meal will be served afterwards. Neighboring CLC churches of the Front Range will also be invited.

Photo Display: Our ladies are planning to arrange a "photo memories display" for our August 29 anniversary celebration. Parishioners of St. Paul are invited to share photos they may have at home of St. Paul church gatherings/activities from years past for inclusion in this display. If you have photos (hard copies or digital) that you would like share, please submit them to Sharlene Chiappetti by Sunday, August 1.

Sunday School Superintendent: We are still looking for someone to fill the position of Sunday School Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in serving the Lord in this way please inform the pastor or President Ed Chiappetti. If you desire more information please speak with Mike Sprengeler. All adult members of St. Paul are eligible to serve as the Sunday School superintendent.

Call News: Luke Willitz of Fairfax MN has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

JULY 19-24

Mon Amos 7:10-15 It helps to know that the Hebrews were split North and South, and God sent Amos to denounce both sections for deserting God. That didn't sit well with the archbishop of Bethel (10-11), who forbade Amos use of the royal chapel for his pulpit. "Go home!" (12-13) Amos admitted that he had no skin in the game (14), but since the LORD had signed him up, he had no choice but to obey God's directives (15). What a stout fellow!

Tues Mark 6:7-13 Miracles are God's power tools; He uses them as needed in the up-building of His Kingdom. People are impressed by miracles; they can carry enough clout to strike Satan out of his stadium (7). Further, God opens hearts and homes for His missionaries (8-10), because most people want to be on God's side, not on Satan's team, a squad of losers (11-13).

Wed Ephesians 1:3-14 What a great line-up of blessings we have! Even prior to Creation, God chose to adopt us into His family (3-5). Why? Because He is goodhearted and generous (5-6). What else does He accomplish with His love? He transfers to us the value of Jesus' self-sacrifice (7-8)--which is no longer a secret, for He has *made it known* to us that Jesus Christ is the key to God's heart and plans, all the way into His living room (9-14). Praise the Lord!

Thurs Psalm 78 God's plans were no secret to ancient Israel, where parents schooled their children in God's Word—Reader's Digest version (12-30). We get choked up to hear how the Hebrews bounced back and forth (over the centuries) between rebellion and repenting, and how God forgave their iniquity over and over again (32-66) until He chose David to shepherd His people. Bottom line: God is greater than anyone would ever expect.

Fri Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus took a detour into Philistia, a non-Jewish land, a leftover of heathen Canaan. For what good reason did He do so? To have mercy on that particular woman burdened by love for her suffering child. When Jesus put her love to the test—and the courage of faith, too—she held fast to both, which Jesus expected and rewarded. She depended on Jesus to help her, despite their ethnic difference. [Note: God is not a racist.]

Sat Acts 28:25-31 History does repeat itself, doesn't it? In Paul's day, God opened His heart again and again to people He had selected for great blessing—but His love bounced off them like water off a duck's back (26-27). God could have bottled up His love and never let it breathe again, but He chose a different course – to pour out His love onto all humanity (28). God kept Paul busy *preaching the kingdom of God* to everyone and anyone within earshot. God's love shined into that corner of the world hour after hour, from sunrise to sunset, for two whole years. Amen.