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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 115 (pew bible, p.543)
- ◆ The Hymns: 790 (1-4), 565, 575, 790 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 5:21-31, John 6:60-69
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 89
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Joshua 24:1-2,14-18

The Christian's Pledge of Allegiance

1. The Lord pledges Himself to us in covenant faithfulness.
2. We renew our pledge to remain faithful to Him.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (790, stanza 5)

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Ephesians 5:21-31

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body. 31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 89

P I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever:
C **I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.**
P I will declare that your love stands firm forever:
C **That you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**
P The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
C **Your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**
P O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?:
C **You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**
P Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne:
C **And faithfulness go before you.**
P Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you:
C **Who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.**
P They rejoice in your name all day long:
C **They exult in your righteousness.**

Second Lesson – John 6:60-69

60 On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” 61 Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? 62 What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! 63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. 65 He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless

the Father has enabled him.” 66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. 67 “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. 68 Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Sermon Text – Joshua 24:1-a,14-18

1 Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. 2 Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: | 14 Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” 16 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! 17 It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. 18 And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

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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!

Serving Us At God’s House Today

Organist: Carly Meyer

Ushers: Wayne and Joshua Ruegge

This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/29) 9:30 am Worship Service
 2:30 pm Choir Practice
 3:00 pm 20th Anniversary Service
Sun (9/5) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

Upcoming Synod Events

- ◆ West Central Pastoral Conference, Sioux Falls SD, Sept.7-9
- ◆ Women's Retreat West, Chadron State Park, Chadron NE, Sept.17-19

St. Paul 20th Anniversary Celebration Service

A special service of praise to our God – upon the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of our St. Paul church edifice (which took place on February 18, 2001) – will be conducted today at 3:00 pm. Delwyn Maas, a former pastor of St. Paul, will serve as our guest speaker. A potluck meal will be served afterwards. Come, and invite a friend! Choir members, we will run through our two songs prior to the service at 2:30 pm.



Synod News

Here is a message from T. Sampath, the chairman of the BELC in India (one of our overseas missions). He underwent surgery to put in four stents on August 4. He received some much-needed medical aid through our CLC Kinship Fund.

My sincere gratitude and thankfulness and my heart felt thanks to you and our CLC members for your timely medical assistance to me. I am alright now, and I am doing the pastoral duties and my routine work without any problems. My health condition is stable and I am going for a medical check up monthly once. Yours in Him, T. Sampath

“The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat is on for this fall will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before September 1 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$100 on September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Sign up today!” (from Pastor Nathanael Mayhew).

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 4

Mon Joshua 24:1-18 God had a lot to say (2-14), and nobody snoozed during this review of how God had kept His finger on them over the centuries; sixteen times [check it out] God reminded them of what He had done, and based on His loving care for them, God awaited their positive response—to serve Him. They were moved to pledge their loyalty (16-18)—a good step.

Tues John 6:60-69 Baby steps come before grown-up steps in religion, too. If the toddler sits down (60-66), it may take Father’s hand to inspire confidence (65) and support His toddler—to believe and know that he is in safe hands. Jesus provides security for eternal life; we admit it and thank God for it.

Wed Ephesians 5:21-31 The Holy Christian Church is like a body, where arms and legs respond appropriately to signals from the brain. If the signals are garbled, disability and disaster follow. Same with Christians (the body of Christ), who willingly submit to signals from their Head, who is Christ Himself. Great picture language for an awesome and wonderful reality.

Thurs Psalm 71 [Paraphrase] “Lord, since You are the basis for my prayer (1-3), deliver me as You did in the past (4-6), are doing in the present (7-8), and will do in the future (9-11). My life has a dark side (12-13), but I will continue to be humbly proud (14-16). My life history (17-18) demonstrates that You are for me (19-21) – and therefore I am for You (22-24). Amen.”

Fri John 7:1-9 Jesus did not disdain His brothers and sisters, for He had come to save them also – but His siblings made home-life difficult with snarky remarks like this one (3-5). Jesus took it in stride, for He understood what they did not understand, and He marched to a different drummer (6-8). He may have left Nazareth, but not His favored country. Stay tuned.

Sat Leviticus 18:1-20 [A follow-up on Wednesday’s reading] God was training His people to revere Him, respect His regulations, and submit to His house rules. For instance, males should not have sex with female relatives, and God spelled it out (8-18) to cover all circumstances. If you have ever puzzled over the wording in v.16: *it is your brother’s nakedness*—it simply means that the woman’s body belongs to her husband; by right of marriage her body is **his**; her nakedness belongs to her husband, and not to anybody else—including her brother-in-law. Such a simple and direct way to make the point that God intends to protect husband and wife from being adulterated; marriage means fidelity, and fidelity includes sexual fidelity. Lord, have mercy on this perverse generation! Amen.