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Order of Worship: Service of the Word

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

Serving Us Today

Organist Carly Mess

Ushers Bob Rankin, Don Claeys

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 19 (pew bible, page 489)
- ◆ The Hymns: 694 (1-4), 689, 565, 694 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18; Ephesians 5:21-31
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 71
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – John 6:57-69

Theme – "*The Bread that Gives Life*"

1. A cause of stumbling to some.
2. Blessed assurance to others!

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (527, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

We Will Serve the Lord

1 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. | 14 “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” 16 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, 17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. 18 And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 71

God the Rock of Salvation

P In you, O LORD, do I take refuge:

C Let me never be put to shame!

P In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

C Incline your ear to me, and save me!

P Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come:

C For you are my rock and my fortress.

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

C And I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

P So even to old age and gray hairs:

C O God, do not forsake me.

P Until I proclaim your might to another generation:

C Your power to all those to come.

Second Lesson – Ephesians 5:21-31

Marriage – Christ and the Church

21 (Submit) to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

Sermon Text – John 6:57-69

The Words of Eternal Life

57 (Jesus said): "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." 59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" 61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." 66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests! We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/25)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time (downstairs)
Sun (9/1)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time

Upcoming Events

- Sunday School Staff Installation: Sunday Sept. 8
- Special Voters Meeting: Sunday, Sept 8, 10:30 am. Agenda item: Action on student tuition aid request of Jesse and Shelly Cornish.
- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Resume: Sun., Sept. 8, 10:45 am
- West-Central Pastoral Conference: Sept. 10-12, hosted by Prince of Peace, Loveland

Sunday School Calls: Last week the following individuals were issued calls by the congregation through the Board of Elders to serve in our Sunday School in the coming year:

- Emily Marzofka, Carly Mess, Lily Meyer (classroom instructors)
- Sharlene Chiappetti (teacher substitute)
- Suzannah Miller (music teacher)

We pray the Lord to guide them in their call consideration. Derek Barthels continues to serve faithfully in the capacity of Sunday School Superintendent.

In Our Prayers: We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our brother in Christ, Pastor Tim Wheaton, of Loveland. He was recently diagnosed with a rare form of thyroid cancer and will be undergoing chemo treatments.

The Opening Worship Service at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary, Eau Claire, will take place later today at 3:00 pm in the campus fieldhouse. We pray the Lord to richly bless the upcoming year as the students at Immanuel grow together in the truths of His saving Word. For more details about goings-on at our school login to the Immanuel website at: ilc.edu. St. Paul young people attending ILHS this year are Jesse W. Cornish and Joseph Cornish.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 26-31

Mon Matthew 5:13-16 The Lord makes His disciples the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This gives them the purpose, not to serve themselves but others, and to glorify their heavenly Father.

Tues Matthew 5:17-19 God's Word and Will is not done away by Christ, but fulfilled. Thus following Him in His kingdom will mean walking in His fulfillment as children of the heavenly Father.

Wed Acts 20:17-21 As the apostle Paul sets his face toward the end of his ministry, he bids farewell to the elders of the church at Ephesus. He sums up his message to them as "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (v21).

Thurs Acts 20:22-31 Paul does not expect to see these co-workers again, but reminds them of the whole counsel of God and their charge to watch over the Church which Christ purchased with His own blood.

Fri Acts 20:32-38 The apostle entrusts the overseers of the church not to silver and gold, but to the Word of God's grace. With this they will be equipped to help the weak and remember Jesus' words.

Sat 2 Samuel 12:1-10 Nathan is sent to David, not to destroy him, but to call him to repentance and faith. Thus the prophet begins with an account which calls for David's judgment, and then he brings that judgment to bear on David's own actions. God's result: (v13).