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A Warm Welcome 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 in 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!

Find today's order of worship printed in this bulletin starting on page 3. Large print copies of the order of worship are on the shelf under the tract rack, or speak to an usher who will be happy to share one with you.

Serving Us Today:

Organist Lisa Sprengeler
Ushers Mike Sprengeler, Mark Hartmeister

Pre-Service Meditation

Psalm 37:1-11 (Pew Bible, page 499)

Hymn Prayer:

O Master of the loving heart, the friend of all
in need, we pray that we may be like You
in thought and word and deed.

Your days were full of kindly acts; Your speech
was true and plain; of those who ever sought
You, Lord, none came to You in vain.

Your face was warm with sympathy; Your hand
God's strength revealed; who saw Your face or felt
Your touch were comforted and healed.

Oh, grant us hearts like Yours, dear Lord, so joyous,
free and true, that all Your children, everywhere,
Be drawn by us to You.

Christian Worship #491

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

Opening Prayer

Hymn

554 – *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

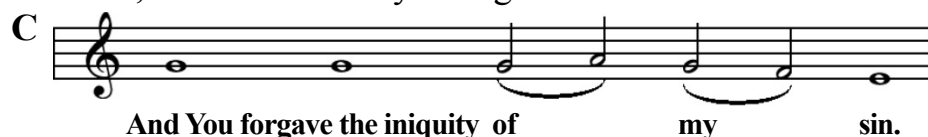


Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

P Let us pray:



+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – Isaiah 35:1-7, 10

The Future Glory of Zion

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; 2 it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. | 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!



Second Lesson – Mark 7:31-27

Jesus Heals a Deaf Man



31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”



Our Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

778 (tan hymnal) – *Grace Has a Thrilling Sound*

Sermon

Text – James 1:17-22, 26-27

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. 19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. | 26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Theme – "Lord, Give Me that Pure and Undefiled Religion"

- Bless me with ...
1. Ears quick to listen to You and learn from You.
 2. A heart eager to learn from You and do for You.

+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++

Offertory



new a right spi - rit with-in me.
 Cast me not a-way from Your pres - ence, and
 take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me.
 Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up-
 hold me with Your free spir -
 it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Installation of the Sunday School Staff

Hymn

612 (1-3) – *Praise to God, Immortal Praise*
 (printed in bulletin on last page)

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .

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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/8)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Installation of the Sunday School Staff
	10:30 am	Special Voters Meeting
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study (downstairs)
Tue-Thu		West-Central Pastoral Conference, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland
Sun (9/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Special Voters Meeting: Today, after the worship service. Main agenda item: Action on student tuition aid request of Jesse and Shelly Cornish.

Sunday School for Our Grade Schoolers will resume today after the service at 10:45 am. The teaching staff will be installed in today's service. We thank the Good Shepherd for providing the following individuals to serve as teachers and pray for His blessing on their labors on behalf of His lambs:

- Classroom Instructors: Emily Marzofka, Carly Mess, Lily Meyer
- Music teacher – Suzannah Miller
- Teacher Substitute – Sharlene Chiappetti

Derek Barthels continues to serve as Sunday School Superintendent.

We Ask the Lord for His Continuing Gracious Care for Tim Wheaton, pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland. He has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of thyroid cancer.

Health Update: Missionary Peter Evensen was taken to the emergency room last Sunday (in Spokane, WA) with health complications. He was released from the hospital later that day after receiving treatment for an infection. He is continuing his recovery at home. May our merciful heavenly Father be with Peter, strengthening his body and his soul.

CLC Call News: Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO has accepted the call to St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN following Pastor James Albrecht's retirement at the end of the year. <> Pastor Zachary Sippert of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD and Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Ipswich, SD has accepted the call to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO has announced his retirement from the ministry on September 29, 2024.

It's Kitchen Shower Time Again! A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the entry for kitchen items that need to be restocked for upcoming bible classes, potlucks, etc. Feel free to sign up to donate one or more items. Thank you!

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 9-14

Mon Luke 11:5-10 Pray persistently, as you might ask help from an imperfect human friend. If even those requests are answered, your prayers to God will surely be answered.

Tues Luke 11:9-13 Keep on praying because even an earthly father knows how to give good gifts. Your heavenly Father has the best gifts to give!

Wed Luke 18:1-8 Keep on praying, as you might seek justice from a judge whose heart is not in it. Even he may come through when pressed. Will not God, whose heart is in it (“His chosen ones,” v7), send help when you call?

Thurs Ephesians 4:8-16 The Lord answers the needs of His people, often through other people, whom He has gifted for just this purpose. “He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love” (v16).

Fri 1 Kings 17:1-6 Elijah comes to King Ahab to announce a drought in the land, God’s judgment for idolatry. While such news might put the messenger in danger from Ahab, God provides for His servant in a miraculous way!

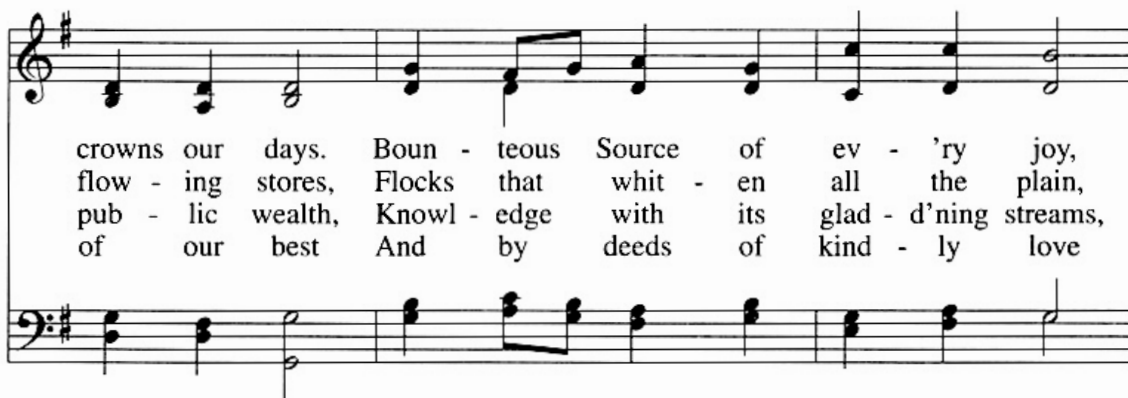
Sat 1 Kings 17:7-16 When even the stream sustaining Elijah dries up, God continues to provide for His servant through a widow who is facing starvation herself! Truly it is God who provides for us all!

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

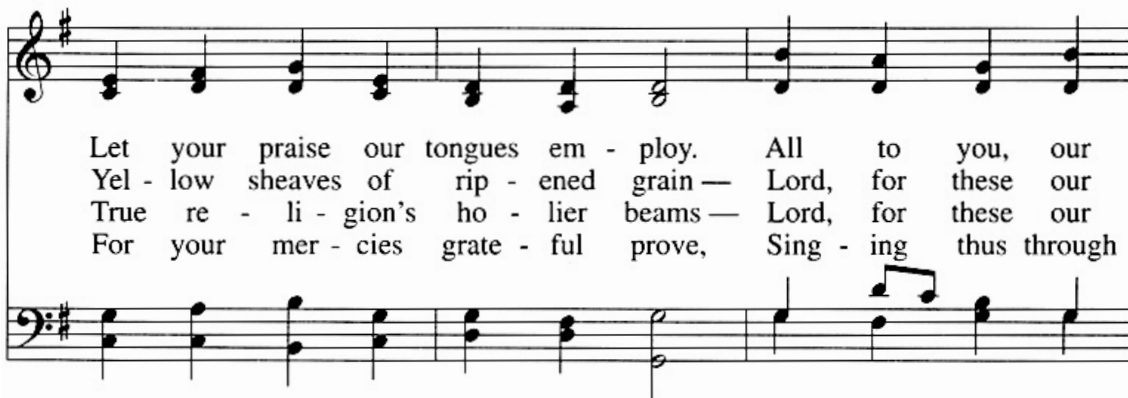
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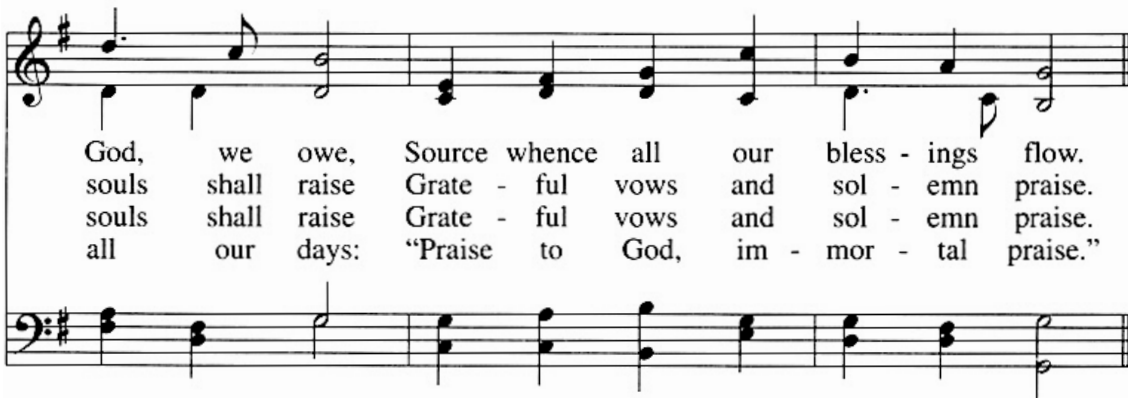
1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours, Au - tumn's rich, o'er -
3 Peace, pros - per - i - ty, and health, Pri - vate bliss and
4 As your pros - p'ring hand has blest, May we give you



crowns our days. Boun - teous Source of ev - 'ry joy,
flow - ing stores, Flocks that whit - en all the plain,
pub - lic wealth, Knowl - edge with its glad - d'ning streams,
of our best And by deeds of kind - ly love



Let your praise our tongues em - ploy. All to you, our
Yel - low sheaves of rip - ened grain — Lord, for these our
True re - li - gion's ho - lier beams — Lord, for these our
For your mer - cies grate - ful prove, Sing - ing thus through



God, we owe, Source whence all our bless - ings flow.
souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
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all our days: "Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise."

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