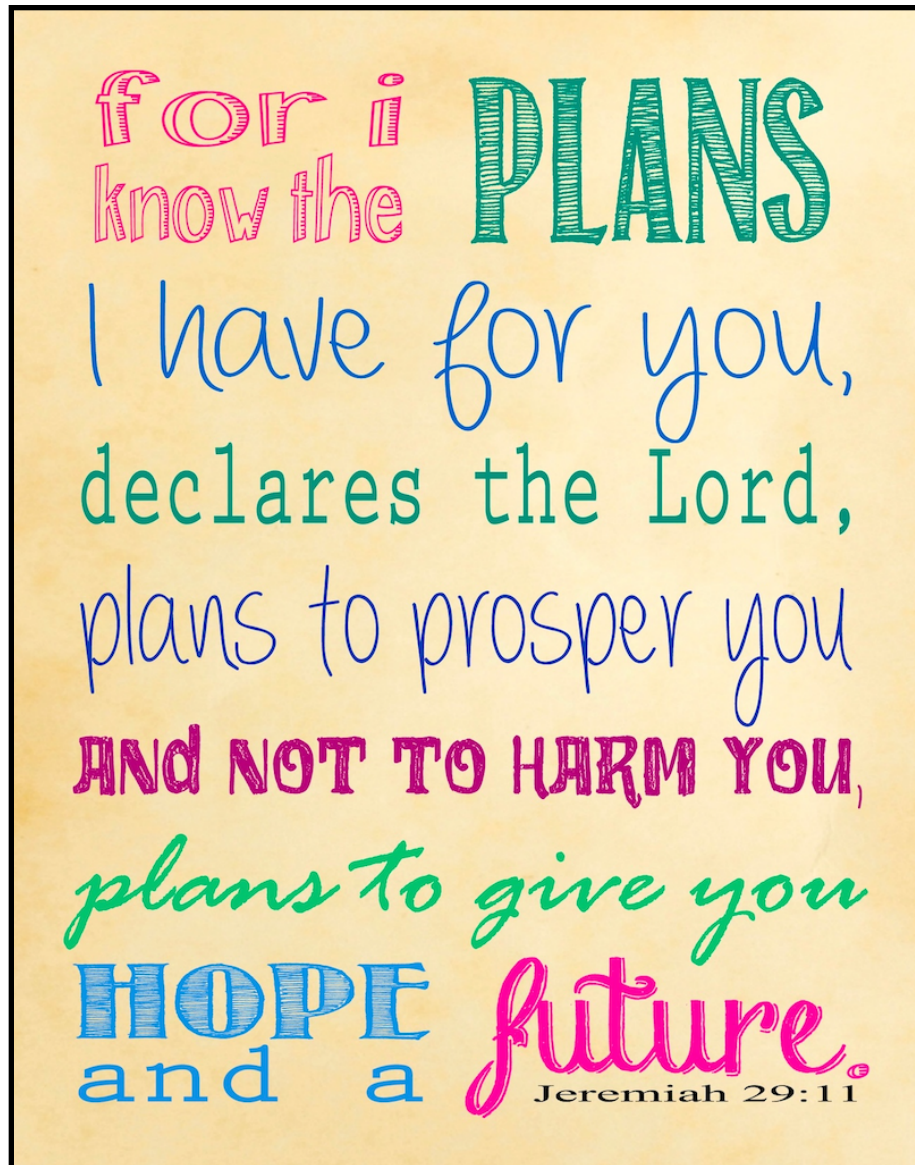



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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – September 22, 2024**

# 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 Mike Sprengeler, Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm (pew bible, page 554)
- ◆ The Hymns: 44\*, 438, 746, 740 (*\*printed in bulletin, last page*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: James 3:13 – 4:6, Mark 9:30-37
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 31
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

## **Sermon Text – Jeremiah 11:18-20**

### Theme

*In Times of Crisis Our Comfort is Found in the Lord*

1. He understands what is happening.
2. He is on our side.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (740)

## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – James 3:13 – 4:6

*Heavenly Versus Demonic Wisdom  
Pride Promotes Strife  
Humility Cures Worldliness*

3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. 4:1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”? 6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “*God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.*”

### Psalm of the Day – Psalm 31

*The Lord a Fortress in Adversity*

P In You, O LORD, I put my trust:

**C Deliver me in Your righteousness.**

P Be my rock of refuge:

**C A fortress of defense to save me.**

P Into Your hand I commit my spirit:

**C You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.**

P My times are in Your hand:

**C Save me for Your mercies' sake.**

P Oh, how great is Your goodness:

**C Which You have laid up for those who fear You,**

P You heard the voice of my supplications:

**C When I cried out to You.**

P Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints! For the LORD preserves the faithful:

**C And fully repays the proud person.**

P Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart:

**C All you who hope in the LORD.**

## **Second Lesson – Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus Again Predicts His Death and Resurrection / Who Is the Greatest?*

30 Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. 31 For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.” 32 But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him. 33 Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?” 34 But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. 35 And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” 36 Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, 37 “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”

## **Sermon Text – Jeremiah 11:18-20**

*Jeremiah’s Life Threatened*

18 Now the LORD gave me knowledge of it, and I know it; for You showed me their doings. 19 But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more.” 20 But, O LORD of hosts, You who judge righteously, Testing the mind and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You I have revealed my cause.

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### This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/22)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School (downstairs)
Wed	6:00 pm	Young Adults Bible Study ( <i>see note below</i> )
Sat	8:00 am	Fall Clean-Up Day (till noon)
Sun (9/29)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

### Upcoming

Elders Meeting: Week of October 13, day and time TBD

### **In Our Prayers:**

- Jo Ellen Blakey who sustained injuries in an auto accident last Thursday. After receiving medical care at the hospital (for fractured ribs, a cracked sternum, and other bruises) she was released from the hospital, and is convalescing at home.
- Steve Sumey, father of our former church member, Chris Sumey, who has been diagnosed with an advanced form of cancer and is under hospice care. Steve lives in Minnesota.
- May the Lord tenderly care for His children.

**Bible Class:** Our third session for the new study year will be held after today's service. The study topic will be James 3:16 – 4:6 (First Lesson for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, which Pastor will read from the lectern during this morning's service).

**Young Adults Bible Study:** This Wednesday (6:00 pm to 7:30 pm) in Castle Pines, in a reserved room of the Douglas County Library. Study topic: Book 2 "What Christians Believe" of *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. If you have questions speak to Derek Barthels or the pastor. All young adult members and friends of St. Paul are invited. See pastor if you need transportation.

**Vacancy Call:** Pastor Schuetze has accepted the call to serve as the vacancy pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland. Specifics of the call include conducting a Sunday morning worship service with communion once a month, providing worship service aids as needed, and conducting hospital and emergency calls if needed. These arrangements will begin in November. Pastor Wheaton will conduct his last service at Prince of Peace on Sunday, October 6.

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### September 23-28

**Mon Luke 10:38-42** While it was not wrong to be busy serving Jesus and His disciples, it should not distract us from the Word of God. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God” (4:4).

**Tues James 3:13-18** Those who have the wisdom that comes from above do things in wise humility. Envy and selfish ambition will not rule the day, but peacefulness, mercy, and good fruits.

**Wed Proverbs 16:1-9** Verses 1 and 9 are the gate-posts of this wisdom from on high. People plan, but God establishes. “Commit what you do to the Lord, and your plans will be established” (v3).

**Thurs Jeremiah 9:23-24** More valuable than human wisdom, strength, and riches is to know the Lord, “who shows mercy, justice, and righteousness on earth” (v24).

**Fri 1 Corinthians 7:29-31** Wisdom from above teaches us to have a light grip on the things of this world, “for the way of life that belongs to this world is passing away” (v31). Give me Jesus!

**Sat Philippians 3:8-14** Knowing Jesus is worth far more to the apostle than everything in the world. In connection with Jesus, Paul has the righteousness that comes from God by faith (v9). This brings the prize that has become his goal: the resurrection from the dead!

# Opening Hymn

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

## 44 Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise

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*Ulrik V. Koren, 1874*  
*Tr., Harriet R. Spaeth, 1899, alt.*

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*Erik Hoff, c. 1860*

1 Ye lands, to the Lord make a ju - bi - lant noise;  
2 Not we, but the Lord is our Mak - er, our God;

Glo - ry be to God! Oh, serve Him with joy, in His pres-ence  
Glo - ry be to God! His peo - ple we are, and the sheep led

now re - joice; Sing praise un - to God out of Zi - on!  
by His rod; Sing praise un - to God out of Zi - on! A-men.

3 Oh, enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise;  
Glory be to God!  
To bless Him and thank Him our voices we will raise;  
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

4 For good is the Lord, and His mercy is sure;  
Glory be to God!  
To all generations His truth shall still endure;  
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!