

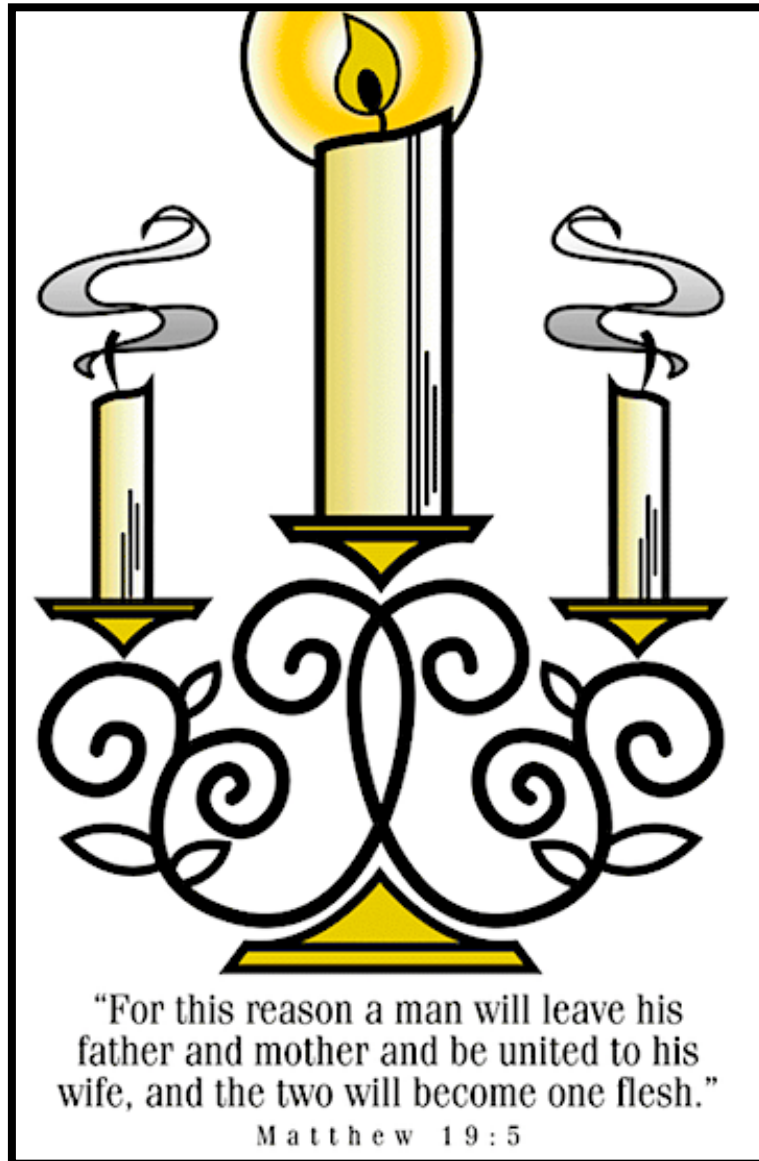
# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – October 6, 2024**

# **Order of Worship**

## **Service of the Word & Sacrament**

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 Lisa Sprengeler; Ushers Don Claeys, Bob Rankin  
Communion Usher Wayne Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 128 (pew bible, p.551)
- ◆ The Hymns: 903, 866, 629, 921
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:1-16
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 127
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (*printed on last page of liturgy insert*)

### **Sermon Text – Genesis 2:18-24**

#### **Theme – "*Marriage as God Instituted It*"**

1. One man and one woman.
2. A commitment to love. 3. A lifelong union.

- ◆ Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (921)

## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – Hebrews 2:9-11

*God's Gracious Plan for Bringing  
Many Sons to Glory*

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. 10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.

### Psalm of the Day – Psalm 127

*Unless the Lord Builds the House*

P Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it:

**C Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.**

P It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows:

**C For so He gives His beloved sleep.**

P Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD:

**C The fruit of the womb is a reward.**

P Like arrows in the hand of a warrior:

**C So are the children of one's youth.**

P Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed:

**C But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.**

### Second Lesson – Mark 10:1-16

*Jesus Teaches About Marriage and Divorce  
"Let the Little Children to Me"*

1 Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again. 2 The Pharisees came and asked Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" testing Him. 3 And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" 4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her." 5 And Jesus answered and said

to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. 6 But from the beginning of the creation, God “made them male and female.’ 7 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” 10 In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. 11 So He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. 12 And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” 13 Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” 16 And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

**Sermon Text – Genesis 2:18-24**

*God's Institution of Marriage*

18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” 19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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### **To our guests seeking an altar at which to commune**

We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ. For this reason we practice "Fellowship Communion" (we ask only those who are communicant members of our fellowship to come forward to receive the Sacrament). We follow this practice in loving obedience to the Scriptures, not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a St. Paul member, please speak to the pastor. Thank you.

### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (10/6)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Wed	6:15 pm	Elders Meeting (parsonage)
Sun (10/13)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Church Council Meeting: Sunday, October 20, 8:30 am
- Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, October 27, 10:45 am

**The Annual Front Range Reformation Festival Service** will be held on Sunday, October 29, at 3:00 pm, hosted this year by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland. A joint choir will sing the anthem "*Christ Is Our Cornerstone.*" The service will be followed by a fellowship meal provided by the Prince of Peace ladies.

**In Our Prayers:** Carrol Rankin, who is scheduled to undergo a surgical procedure this Tuesday for a heart arrhythmia ailment. <> Ed Starkey, pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN, who is receiving medical treatment for a heart attack he recently suffered. <> May the Lord grant them healing according to His gracious will and may the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with hope and patience. <> Prayers are also requested for the family of Kenneth Rankin, a brother of Bob Rankin, who passed away last Thursday. We pray that the family may find their source of comfort in the Lord Jesus who has delivered us from the clutches of death and made heaven a reality for all who have come to faith in Him.

### **Synod News & Notes**

**Missionary Bruce Naumann** recently posted an update to his Tanzania mission blog titled "Divine/Human Resources" which you can see at this address on the internet: [clc-tz.blogspot.com](http://clc-tz.blogspot.com)

**2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip** – "*Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>*" (Pastor Sam Rodebaugh).

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### October 7-12

**Mon Matthew 12:1-8** The Pharisees find fault with Jesus' disciples, and He gives them several examples of people serving God who were fed with the priests' food, and who labor every Sabbath day in the temple.

**Tues Matthew 12:9-13** The Pharisees look for a way to accuse Jesus, and He sees an opportunity for God to show mercy on the Sabbath day.

**Wed 2 Thessalonians 3:5-12** The apostle instructs the Thessalonians not to be idle as they wait for the coming of Christ, but to work quietly as they are able and not be a burden to others.

**Thurs 1 Kings 19:1-9a** After the Lord's triumph on Mt. Carmel and the end of the drought, Elijah is running for his life. He is ready to die, but an angel tells him that he still has a journey to make to the mountains where Moses had once met with the Lord in a burning bush.

**Fri 1 Kings 19:9b-18** Elijah feels alone and discouraged, but the Lord shows him that the mighty powers against him are nothing compared to the power that created the world by His word. God still has kingdom work for Elijah to do and he is not alone.

**Sat Luke 13:10-17** The Lord frees a woman of a spirit afflicting her for eighteen years, and is charged with breaking the Sabbath. He points out the hypocrisy in taking care of ones own animals but objecting to God overcoming Satan for mankind on the Sabbath.