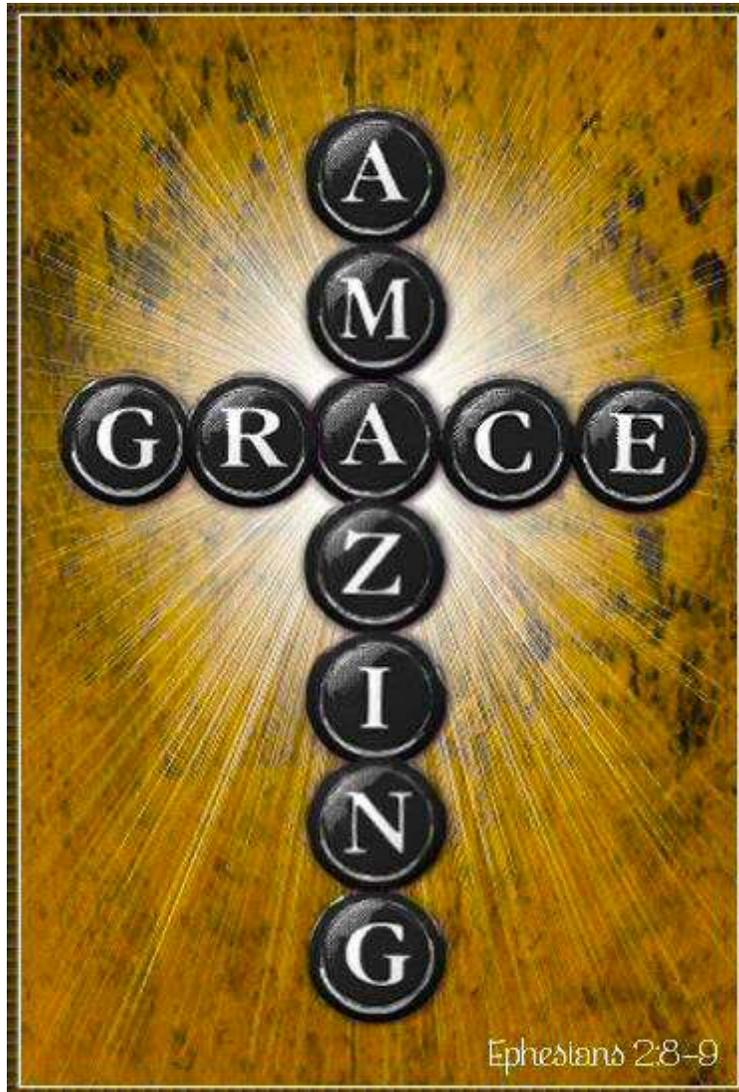


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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT *(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 1 (pew bible, p.481)
- ◆ The Hymns: 904, 689, 636 (1,3,5,7), 778
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 2 Timothy 3:1-5,10-17; John 8:21-32
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 119

Sermon Text – Ephesians 2:4-10

ON YOUR CONFIRMATION DAY AND EVERY DAY PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GRACE!

1. Grace that has saved you.
2. Grace that empowers you.
3. Grace that will keep you to the end.

- ◆ Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ The Rite of Confirmation (confirmand, John Sprengeler)
- ◆ Renewing our Confirmation Vow
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (778, tan hymnal)

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the tract rack, or by request from an usher.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Epistle Lesson – 2 Timothy 3:1-5,10-17

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away. 10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 119

P Your word is a lamp to my feet:

C And a light to my path.

P I have sworn and confirmed:

C That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

P Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD:

C And teach me Your judgments.

P The wicked have laid a snare for me:

C Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.

P Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever:

C For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

P I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes:

C Forever, to the very end.

Gospel Lesson – John 8:21-32

21 Once more Jesus said to them, “I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come.” 22 This made the Jews ask, “Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, ‘Where I go, you cannot come’?” 23 But he

continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins.” 25 “Who are you?” they asked. “Just what I have been claiming all along,” Jesus replied. 26 “I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.” 27 They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. 28 So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. 29 The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.” 30 Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him. 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

RENEWING OUR CONFIRMATION VOW

P As communicant members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, let us renew our promises of faithfulness to our Lord and pray for His strength to carry them out, to the praise of our Savior's name. Concerning God's Word:

C I recognize the continued need of diligently using God's Word in private and in public worship.

P Concerning the Lord's Supper:

C It is my desire to receive the Holy Supper of my Lord frequently for my soul's health.

P Concerning witnessing

C I pray for the strength to witness for Christ in all that I do or say and to work with my fellow believers in the holy task of sharing the Gospel with all people.

P Concerning prayer:

C I will continue to pray for my fellow believers, for all mankind, and for myself, knowing that heartfelt prayer accomplishes much.

P Concerning each day:

C I wish to live every day as though Jesus died yesterday, rose today, and is coming back tomorrow. Each day I find rest in laying my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, knowing that in Him I have forgiveness and peace with God.

P Concerning my faithfulness:

C I promise to remain true to the Triune God and His Word in the face of every persecution, and would rather suffer death itself than to fall away from faith in my Lord and Savior, as He gives me strength.

P Concerning the second coming of Christ:

C I confidently look in faith to my Lord's return, when He shall take me and all believers to Himself in heaven.



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and glad that 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 worship with us again!

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- ◆ Organist: Jeana Kettner
- ◆ Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Joshua Ruegge
- ◆ Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- ◆ Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (7/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Rite of Confirmation and Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Confirmation reception downstairs
Sat	8:00 am	Summer Clean-Up Day (till noon)
Sun (7/19)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS: Hayden Botchek, who was hospitalized last Monday at Lutheran Medical Center, Wheat Ridge, with a liver ailment. We pray that the Lord may attend him with His grace and strengthen him in his spiritual and physical testing.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING: Sunday, July 26, following the worship service.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: At the June 28 voters' meeting it was noted that next year is the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the St. Paul church building, which took place on February 18, 2001. A decision was made to schedule a special celebration Sunday in the early part of 2021 to mark this milestone of God's amazing grace. A specific date for our anniversary celebration will be chosen and announced soon.



CHURCH PICTORIAL: Another agenda item at the voters' meeting was discussion on whether we would like to produce a new church pictorial. It was agreed this would be good since much time has passed since our last pictorial was produced in 2014. If you would like to be part of a committee to organize and coordinate the production of a new St. Paul pictorial, please speak with President Ed Chiappetti or the Pastor.

THE 2020 MANUP! MEN'S RETREAT will be held September 24-27, 2020, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers 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. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register at this link: www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020. Visit our website, www.manup.clclutheran.org, for more information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
JULY 13-18

Mon Jeremiah 28:5-17 In a showdown between God's prophet and other preachers, how could the ordinary Bible-believer figure out which one was sent by God, and which was not? Answer: Watch and see who could predict the future (9). Hananiah was predicting freedom from the dominance of Babylon, and peace for Israel – whereas God intended *war and disaster and pestilence* in order to humble Israel (8). Hananiah was a liar. Case closed (17).

Tues Matthew 10:34-42 Christmas angels were telling the truth when they glorified God for providing peace between man and God – but since sinful humanity sidelined Jesus, He had to stand up for the truth, and so do His followers. It's painful, yes (34-39), but rewarding, too (40-42).

Wed Romans 6:1-11 Since people come up with good reasons for doing what they want to do (1), Paul bolstered his fellow Christians against that device, reminding them that they were raised from the dead, have left the cemetery behind, and are free to live as God intended all along (2-11). What a blessing God has given us—that we are freed from the curse of sin, freed from the penalty of sin, and free to walk hand-in-hand with Jesus!

Thurs Psalm 89 extols the LORD, worthy of praise for creating and sustaining planet Earth (5-13). Which is fine and good, but God deserves our adoration most all for His loving-kindness to humanity via David (3-4, 19-37). Now, why did God select David for special protection? In order to supply humanity with the descendant of David who is the embodiment of God's mercies (1-2) and personification of God's righteousness and justice (14,33-37).

Fri Luke 18:9-14 The Pharisee and Publican were Jewish, but they represent all mankind. The Pharisee stood boldly before God, justifying himself via his good works and good behavior (What's the point of being humble—if nobody notices?) while the Publican cringed in the shadows, humbly placing his case in God's hands, pleading for His mercy. (That's what touches God's heart.)

Sat Acts 13:13-41 Leaving the island of Cyprus behind and sailing 200 miles across open waters to the seaport of Perga, they trekked another 100 miles to the capital city, where Paul was invited to address the Jewish congregation (13-15) who needed to understand why God had favored their forefathers (16-22). He did it in order to provide a cradle for Jesus, of course, who lived, died, and rose again, just as God had promised (23-33) in Psalm 16, which is NOT referring to the resurrection of David, but of Jesus. "Now, then, God intends that you entrust your salvation to Jesus (36-41)." Amen.