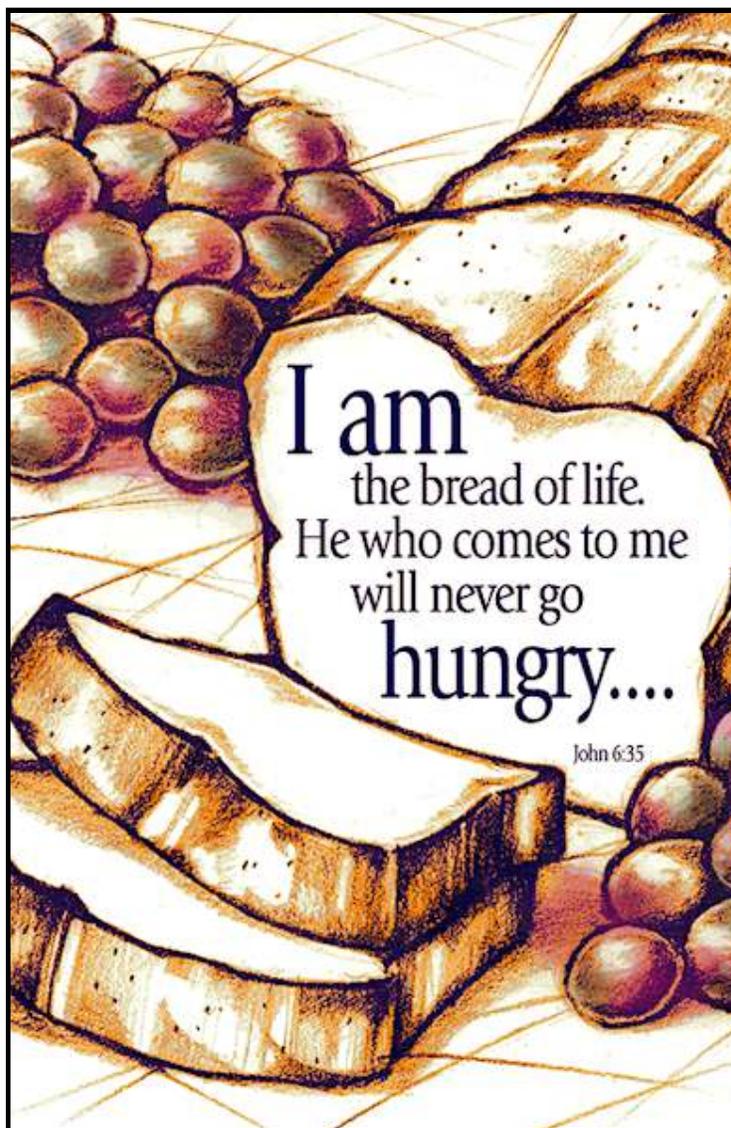


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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AUGUST 16, 2020**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 136 (pew bible, p.553)
- ◆ The Hymns: 909, 724 (1-5,8), 729, 722
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 8:35-39
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalms 42 and 43

Sermon Text – Matthew 14:13-21

LOOK TO JESUS TO MEET YOUR EVERY NEED

1. He knows your needs.
2. He is willing and able to supply them.

- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (722)

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*Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.*

*You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located in the foyer. There
will be no offering collection during the service.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Isaiah 55:1-5

1 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. 3 Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalms 42-43

P As the deer pants for streams of water:
C So my soul pants for you, O God.
P My soul thirsts for God, for the living God:
C When can I go and meet with God?
P Why are you downcast, O my soul?:
C Why so disturbed within me?
P Put your hope in God:
C For I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.
P Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me:
C Let them bring me to the place where you dwell.
P Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight:
C I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Second Lesson – Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon Text – Matthew 14:13-21

13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." 16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. 18 "Bring them here to me," he said. 19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning! The members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church consider it an honor and privilege to share with you the words of eternal life in Jesus Christ, the world's only Savior. Please sign the guest register in the front entry and come worship with us again!

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- ◆ Organist: Ruth Greening
- ◆ Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Zachary Ruegge
- ◆ Elder: Ed Chiappetti

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (8/16) 9:30 am Worship Service
Sun (8/23) 9:30 am Worship Service

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- ◆ West-Central Pastoral Conference: Sept.8-10 (hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne)
- ◆ Sunday School & Adult Bible Class resume: Sunday, Sept.13

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM was administered last Tuesday, August 11, to **EVERETT RUSSELL ROBERSON**, son of Dennis and Jennifer Roberson. The baptism was performed at the home of the Roberson's in Evansville, Wyoming. His parents served as baptismal witnesses. Everett was born December 26, 2008.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALLS: The following received calls to serve on the St. Paul Sunday School staff for the 2020-2021 school year. We ask the Lord of the Church to guide them in their call deliberation.

Classroom Instructors

Ed Chiappetti
 Sharlene Chiappetti
 Carly Meyer
 Wayne Ruegge
 Mike Sprengeler

Teacher Substitute

Jo Blakey

Music

Lisa Sprengeler

Cradle Roll Secretary

Julie Whitmer-Wright

SERVICE POSTPONED: As announced last week, the Front Range Mission Festival scheduled for September 13 at Prince or Peace, Loveland, has been postponed until next year, due to Prince of Peace's soon-to-be-begun church remodeling project and the difficulty of finding an offsite venue for hosting the event.

THE 2020 WOMEN'S RETREAT WEST at Chadron, Nebraska, has also been postponed until September 17-19, 2021, due to the challenges and uncertainties brought about by Covid-19.

CALL NEWS: Del Maas, pastor of Gift of God, Mapleton ND, has accepted the non-resident call to St. Paul's, Ponsford, MN. This means that he will be serving both congregations full-time while living in Mapleton. <> Pastor Emeritus Robert List has asked to be relieved of his vacancy work at Trinity, Spokane WA. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane, Spokane Valley, is now serving the vacancy.

St Paul Offerings Through July 26, 2020			
St Paul Contributions	2020 YTD	Budget YTD	Annual Total
General	\$43,702	\$41,946	\$72,706
Parsonage	\$4,788		
Building Fund	\$270		
Sunday School			
CLC Contributions			
CLC General Fund (CBP)	\$4,293	\$4,442	\$7,700
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	\$255		
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	\$283		
Project Kinship	\$10		
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	\$170		

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS – AUGUST 10-15

Mon Isaiah 55:1-5 “Is anyone out there who is thirsty?” “Yes, I’m here, but what thirst do you mean?” “I mean thirst for God and the things of God.” “OK, but what will it cost?” “Not one cent from you, for God gives His good things free of charge.” What things?” “The mercies He gave David (3-4), assured by His self-sacrificing Son, Jesus, the wellspring of salvation for all.”

Tues Matthew 14:13-21 Did those hungry people ask for a miracle? Probably not, and neither did the disciples—yet Jesus gave them more than they needed when He opened heaven’s storehouse (19), and from His hands each portion sprouted more portions, over and over again. How else would those thousands of hungry people get fed, and have leftovers besides? God is good at doing miracles—but you already knew that.

Wed Romans 8:35-39 Without God’s miracle-love in Jesus, how could we survive tribulations and stresses, let alone crop failure, poverty, rioting, or other threats (35)? Granted that Christians are targets (36), and despite the hostiles, God pulls us through because He loves us (37). There’s nothing and nobody, neither now nor tomorrow, no matter how ugly our situation, that can wedge us apart from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thurs Psalms 42 and 43 are twins in form (42:5 ditto 43:5) as well as in content. When someone thirsts for God, gets dry mouthed about it, and feels bereft without God, that reveals a crucial human need—for which God is ready and waiting to satisfy with His love. So let’s soak up the water that flows from Him to us via His Word (43:3) and praise Him for the fountain.

Fri Mark 2:2-12 What faith did Jesus see (5)? Well, they were confident that Jesus was both willing and able to heal their friend’s paralysis. Jesus gave more than they asked, for He turned His heart and hands to the more important issue of healing a soul from crippling sin. Of course, the visible miracle proved the validity of the invisible miracle (10). [It’s Godly math.]

Sat Acts 15:22-41 The HCC (Holy Christian Church) convention adopted the Mission report, wrote up a Recommendation, and sent it by courier to the church in Antioch [See Attachment, 23-29]. When the Recommendation was delivered and read, it was accepted with thanks (30-31). Everyone breathed a sigh of relief, and Bible teaching/preaching/instructing prevailed (35). It seemed a good idea to re-visit out-lying congregations, too, so while Mark and Barnabas sailed for Cyprus, Paul and Silas trekked overland into Asia Minor. Note: splitting up into two groups was good logistics, for that way no congregation would be by-passed or neglected. Praise the Lord!