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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 43 (pew bible, p.502)
- ◆ The Hymns: 816, 850, 966, 965
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Romans 13:1-8, Matthew 17:22-27
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 84
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – 1 Timothy 2:1-8

PRAY FOR THE BLESSING OF GOOD GOVERNMENT

1. So that we may lead Christian lives in peace and safety.
2. So many more may learn to know God's saving Truth.

- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (965)

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Romans 13:1-8

1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. 8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. [NKJV]

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 84

P How lovely is your dwelling place:
C O LORD Almighty!
P My soul yearns, even faints:
C For the courts of the LORD.
P My heart and my flesh cry out:
C For the living God.
P Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself:
C Where she may have her young.
P A place near your altar:
C O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.
P Blessed are those who dwell in your house:
C They are ever praising you.
P Better is one day in your courts:
C Than a thousand elsewhere.
P I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God:
C Than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
P O LORD Almighty:
C Blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Second Lesson – Matthew 17:22-27

22 When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. 23 They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.” And the disciples were filled with grief. 24 After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax came to Peter and asked, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the temple tax?” 25 “Yes, he does,” he replied. When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. “What do you think, Simon?” he asked. “From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own sons or from others?” 26 “From others,” Peter answered. “Then the sons are exempt,” Jesus said to him. 27 “But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours.”

Sermon Text – 1 Timothy 2:1-8

1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. 7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles. 8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshipping 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: Lisa Sprengeler
- ◆ Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Joshua Ruegge
- ◆ Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- ◆ Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (7/5) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
Thu 8:00 pm Elders' Conference Call Meeting
Sun (7/12) 9:30 am Worship Service with Rite of Confirmation and Holy Communion

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- ◆ Summer Clean-Up Day: Saturday, July 18 (8:00 am to noon)
- ◆ Church Council Meeting: Sunday, July 19, 8:30 am
- ◆ Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, July 19, 10:45 am
- ◆ Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, July 26, 10:45 am

Next SUNDAY John Sprengeler will be confirmed in the faith in the 9:30 am worship service. Holy Communion will also be celebrated. Following the service all are invited to a reception for John in the church basement. A light lunch will be served.



NEW IN YOUR MAILBOX TODAY:

- ◆ Summary of last Sunday's voters' meeting.
- ◆ St. Paul 2020 Church Directory

UPDATES FOR THE NEW DIRECTORY: Delete the landline number for Fred and Bobbie Brethauer on page 3 as it is no longer valid. In the "Friends of the Congregation" section (page 10), add Conni Johnson's cell number: (303) 917-7392.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: During last Sunday's 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. 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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
JULY 6-11

Mon Jeremiah 20:7-13 Jeremiah considered God's business to be his business, and he spoke for God, but when he suffered public scorn and got jailed for being God's spokesman (7-8), he retreated into silence. He suffered that way, too (9-10), so what could he do? He committed himself, his future, and the future of his people to the LORD (11-12). God manages to carry the day as He sees fit; praise the LORD (13)!

Tues Matthew 10:24-33 Jesus knew that His disciples would need lots of help to face public slander—and not buckle under (24-25). “Don't let them scare you,” He said, “as you go public with My word (27). You may be murdered [martyred], but you are precious to Me (30-31) and I will be your defender on Judgment Day (32). Too bad about the others (33)!”

Wed Romans 5:12-21 The Spirit moved Paul to lay it out in a logical manner—that God has countered human negatives with His superior positives; like this: Via Adam sin and death had their day with Adam's tribe (12-14)—which God counterbalanced by His grace and the gift of Jesus, the superior Adam (15). In other words, God's grace has superseded mankind's sinfulness (16), and Adam's disobedience has been counterbalanced by Jesus' obedience (17-19). So, where sin abounded, God compensated, so that grace might reign [be superior] through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Thurs Psalm 31 Sprinkled among dark verses about those who have made themselves adversaries to God—are bright verses that display Christian fortitude . . . all in prayer format. David craved God's support because of his failing strength (6-13), and his heart (soul) recovered from near collapse by trusting in the LORD (14-20). He offers good advice: “Love the LORD! Be of good courage! When you are on God's side, you are safe!”

Fri Matthew 10:34-39 Jewish Christians were at peace with God, but that didn't mean their neighbors were at peace with them. In fact, a man's foes would be those of his own household. Sometimes the hard choice has to be made: whom do we love most of all? If the answer is “Jesus,” we should realize that being devoted to Jesus will cost self-sacrifice. Jesus did it for us, so we cling to Him through thick and thin; heaven is our home.

Sat Acts 13:4-12 WOW! Dealing with a false teacher as Saul did is no child's play. Note that Saul was filled with the Holy Spirit when he slapped down Elymas, so we are sure that Saul was not acting selfishly. God directs us to perform a miracle just as forceful: quarantine yourself against them (Romans 16:17-18) lest their virus infect you—as it infected the false teachers.