



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

TODAY (Aug 19) WORSHIP.....9:00 am
MON (Aug 20) EVENING WORSHIP.....6:30 pm
THURS (Aug 23) Teen Bible Class.....7:00 pm
NEXT SUN (Aug 26) WORSHIP (HC).....9:00 am
NEXT MONDAY (Aug 27) EVENING WORSHIP (HC)...6:30 pm

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Aug.12,13 Plate Offerings: \$2,158.00
 Weekly Electronic Offerings: 159.00
 Total Offerings this past week = \$2,317.50
 OFFERINGS RECVD YTD (32 wks) \$72,756.21
 AMOUNT NEEDED YTD = \$73,408.00
 YTD DEFICIT = (\$651.79)
 AMOUNT NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,294.00
 TOTAL FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS = \$5,153.00
(Envelopes for special projects entryway on top of donation box)

IN WORSHIP
 Sun, Aug 12 - 42
 Mon, Aug 13 - 16
Total: 58



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS: The following members are celebrating their birthday this coming week—if you see them wish them a “Happy Birthday!” **Aug 20th**—Lee Kohler; **Aug 21st**—Carissa Laabs; **Aug 22nd**—Cody Laabs; **Aug 23rd**—Dennis Heuttl.

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School begins Sunday, Sept. 9 - 8:00 am.

CHOIR PRACTICE STARTS MONDAY, SEPT 17th: If you'd like to sing in the choir this year, the first practice is coming up Monday, Sept 17 at 6:00 pm.

BOOK ORDER IN--"THERE'S A PRAYER FOR THAT" If you ordered this book they came in this week--your copy is waiting on the counter in the entryway today (Cost: \$10.99). Thank you!

PICTURES OF COOK-OUT & CONCERT IN ENTRYWAY: Thank you to everyone that helped make our outdoor concert & cookout happen this past Wednesday. See all the FaceBook pictures in the digital picture frame on the counter in the entryway.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES



THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, August 19, 2018

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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2015

WORSHIP TODAY—"Your sins are forgiven." "Jesus loves me this I know." "Heaven is my home." True wisdom can be expressed in the simplest of terms, but does that mean they are easy to grasp. In fact, the sinful flesh in us and our fallen reason rejects them outright. Today's Lessons recognize this difficulty and call for a *sacrificium intellecti* (a "sacrifice of the intellect"). It's a sacrifice that only the Holy Spirit can work in you so that your reason acts as a servant to God, and not as master. Then, and only then will we receive and rejoice in true wisdom: the Spirit and life words of the flesh and blood Jesus who came down to bring us the gift of eternal life!



WELCOME GUESTS—We're so glad you could join us today! Our restrooms and childcare area may be found downstairs just beyond the fellowship hall. There is also a television screen in that area showing the service live for parents and elderly. Listening devices for the hearing impaired are available by request from the ushers today. If you have any questions during the service, an usher can help you, or feel free to ask the person sitting next to you.

ASSISTIVE
LISTENING
SYSTEMS
AVAILABLE



*Available on the counter
in the entryway; ask
an usher for help!*

what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."* Alleluia. (John 6:68)



THE APOSTLES' CREED, page 19 in the front of the hymnal.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #459 "O God, My Faithful God"

SERMON SERIES: "In Christ" (The Book of Ephesians)

TODAY'S MESSAGE: Based on Eph.5:3-14

"LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT"

In Christ



*After the Sermon sing: "Create In Me," page 20
in the front of the hymnal.*

THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER, page 20 in the front of the hymnal.

PRAYER & BLESSING, p.24-25

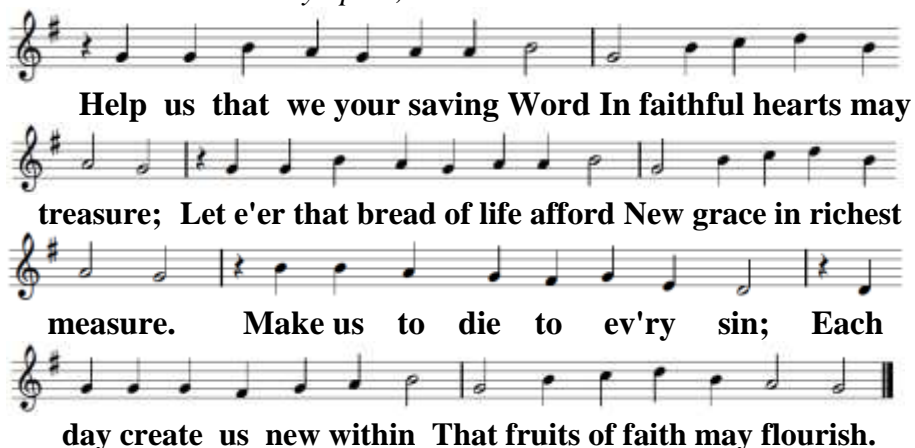
CLOSING HYMN: #610 "Now Thank We All Our God"



THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: PROVERBS 9:1-6 *An invitation from wisdom to find what is good for your soul.* “Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars. ² She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city. ⁴ “Let all who are simple come in here!” she says to those who lack judgment. ⁵ “Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding.

SING: #185:2 *“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”*

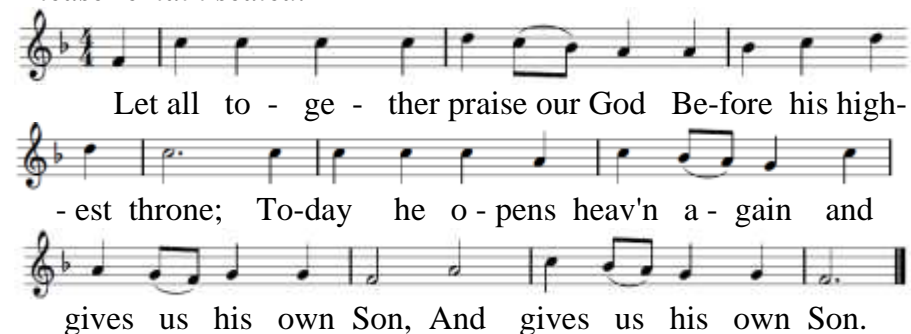


EPISTLE LESSON: EPHESIANS 5:3-14 *Those whose food is wisdom walk with God.* ³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them. ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BELLS & WELCOME BY PASTOR

OPENING HYMN: #41:1 *“Let All Together Praise Our God”*
Please remain seated.



RESPONSIVE WORDS OF CONFESSION:

P: Jesus says, *“I am the living bread that came down from heaven.”*

C: *“If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.”*

P: You are the true bread of God come down from heaven!

C: *“This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”*

SING: #41:2 *“Let All Together Praise Our God”*

**He leaves his heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.**

P: Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

C: **You have given us ears to hear, but the things you tell us can't be understood by ordinary ears. What you want us to see in your Word can't be seen with ordinary eyes.**



SING: #41:3-4 *"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

**He veils in flesh his pow'r divine
A servant's form to take;
In want and lowliness must die
Who heav'n and earth did make,
Who heav'n and earth did make.**

**A wondrous change which he does make
He takes our flesh and blood,
And he conceals for sinner's sake
His majesty as God,
His majesty as God.**

Please rise

P: Blessed are the eyes that see and the ears that hear what Jesus has to tell us:

C: *Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."*

P: You would feed us with heavenly food dear Lord, but instead we feed on alternate fits of rage and remorse, bitterness and envy, selfishness and self-loathing.

C: **Our sinful nature is so twisted that we even imagine we need our sin to survive. More than just better choices, we need you to rescue us.**

SING: #41:5 *"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

**He serves that I a lord may be--
A great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me
To help me in my need,
To help me in my need?**

P: Living Bread of heaven, fill us with heavenly food today!

C: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Through Word and sacrament, let us be blessed!**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Your Jesus, who lived, died and rose again, says, *"Take heart, your sins are forgiven."* He says, *"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven--he who feeds on this bread will live forever!"*

C: **Thanks be to God--Alleluia!!**

SING: #41:6 *"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

**For us he opens wide the door
Of paradise today.
The angel guards the gate no more;
To God our thanks we pay,
To God our thanks we pay.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Spoken together)

"Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."



Take-Home-Study Questions on Ephesians



Here are some questions & conversation starters to help you grow as you talk about your faith together during the week.

Scripture for memorization & meditation: Ephesians 4:32 -
"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Questions for personal study...

- †A Christian author writes: *Satan has all kinds of weapons to use to tempt men; but these days it seems, he needs only one: sexual sins.* Do you agree or disagree?
- †Our culture rates explicit movies and shows "MA" (For Mature Audiences only), and calls places where women take their clothes off in front of men, "Gentlemen's Clubs." Give other examples of our culture's confusion about sexuality.
- †In verse six it says, *"Let no one deceive you."* Who are the people (teachers, philosophers, friends, relatives) whose views on God could possibly deceive you? Be prepared and be careful.
- †Memorize the question, *"Does this please you, Lord?"* Try using it throughout the day this week. Make it a habit.
- †Verse 14 - *"Christ will shine on you."* God's grace is new every day. Try reading your Bible, Meditations or our church app every day to remember daily that Jesus shines on you!

Questions for group discussion...

- †Verse 3 - *"Among you there must not be even hint of sexual immorality."* This is the opposite of, *"How far can I go without sinning?"* What would you say to a Christian engaged couple living together if they say, *"We're not sleeping together; we have*

separate bedrooms." What about the witness we give to others? Could this send a mixed message to others? (Get the hint?)

- †**Verse 3** - *"greed."* Describe the difference between greed and wanting a nicer car, newer TV, or bigger house.
- †**Verse 3** - Such sins are *"improper for God's holy people."* We're not holy because we're perfect. We're holy because Jesus gives us his holiness. Jesus' gift of holiness also can motivate us to holy living. Name several things we can do to remind ourselves of Jesus' gift of holiness.
- †**Verse 10** - Prayer is our way of talking to God. The Bible is his way of talking to us. Describe the role of each in determining God's answer to our question: *"Does this please you Lord?"*
- †**Verse 11** - Darkness. Name some establishments or activities that maintain a dark atmosphere. Evaluate why.
- †**Verse 14** - *"Wake up...Christ will shine on you."* God's light is Jesus. Jesus not only exposes our sin and pays for it; he exposes God's grace and changes us.

Tips for parents with young children this week...

- Monday**--Go back to Ephesians 2:8-10 and explain to your child what God has done and how faith comes and what faith does.
- Tuesday**--Let your children see you hug, holding hands, rub backs, etc. You're teaching your kids about God's plan for intimacy in marriage.
- Wednesday**--If obscene language is an issue in your home, repent of it and change.
- Thursday**--Help your children make decisions by asking them, *"Does this please Jesus?"* Be sure to use the motivation that Jesus loves us; that's why we ask that question.
- Friday**--Try lighting a candle for your devotion time with your child(ren). Tell them it's like Jesus' light that's with us.
- Saturday**--Do some of the kid's questions online. (www.stpauldale.com) Click on the Youth Ministry link to find **"123 kid's bible questions"**)
- Sunday** - Spend some time praying with your children before or after church. Explain that you go to church to learn more about God, to help welcome other children, and to have fun with their friends. After church ask about things they saw or remember hearing from their time with their Savior that day.