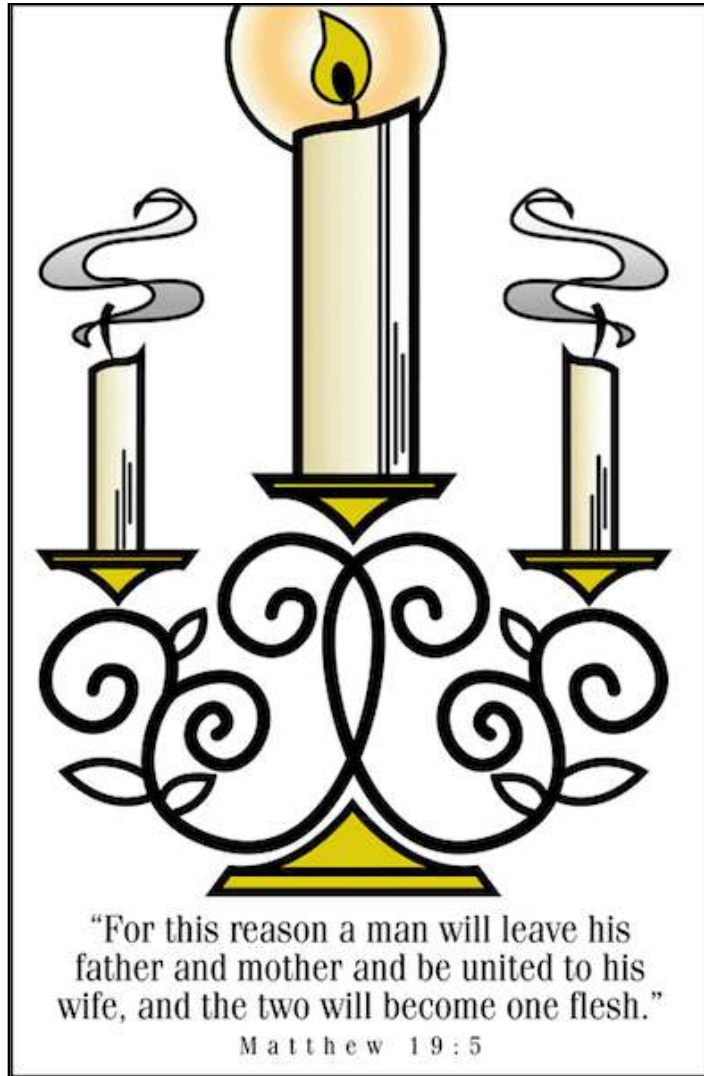


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 7, 2018**

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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 128 (pew bible, p.551)
- ◆ The Hymns: 822, 863, 620 (1-4), 620 (5-6)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Genesis 2:18-24; Ephesians 5:21-6:4
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 139
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed *(last page of liturgy insert)*

Sermon Text – Mark 10:2-10

JESUS SPEAKS ABOUT GOD'S GIFT OF MARRIAGE

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (620, stanzas 5-6)

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A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Genesis 2:19-24

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 139

P I LORD, you created my inmost being:

C You knit me together in my mother's womb.

P I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made:

C Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

P My frame was not hidden from you:

C Your eyes saw my unformed body.

P All the days ordained for me were written in your book:

C Before one of them came to be.

P How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!:

C How vast is the sum of them!

P Were I to count them:

C They would outnumber the grains of sand.

P Search me, O God, and know my heart:

C Test me and know my anxious thoughts.

P See if there is any offensive way in me:

C And lead me in the way everlasting.

Second Lesson – Ephesians 5:21–6:4

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present

her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Sermon Text – Mark 10:2-10

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” “What did Moses command you?” he replied. They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.” “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.” When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (10/7)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Call of Abraham, OT 6)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Sat (10/13)	8:30 am	Fall Clean-Up Day
Sun (10/14)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Isaac, OT 7)
	10:45 am	Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting
	12:00 noon	Church Picnic at the parsonage (<i>rescheduled from today</i>)

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Church Movie Night: Friday, Oct.19, 7:00 pm
- Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, Oct.21, 10:45 am
- Area Reformation Service: Sunday, Oct.28, 4:00 pm (hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland)

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING OCTOBER

- Ushers: Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister
- Elder: Ed Chiappetti
- Communion Assistant: Wayne Ruegge

IN OUR PRAYERS: The family of Ronald Ideker of Reno, Nevada (brother of Carrol Rankin) who was called out of this life on September 23. ++ Jim Langdon, who has been suffering from an aggressive form of cancer and whose time of grace appears to be drawing to a close. ++ *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.*

THE CHURCH PICNIC scheduled for today at the parsonage has been rescheduled for next Sunday due to weather conditions.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Mark Hartmeister, Oct 1	Jaxon Potter, Oct 14
John Sprengeler, Oct 8	Sharlene Chiappetti, Oct 29
Trish Hartmeister, Oct 12	(Mark & Susan Hartmeister, Oct 23)

ILC VISITORS' DAY INFO: "Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day is November 9 beginning at 10:05 am in the ILC gymnasium for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. We will attempt to provide lodging, if needed, Thursday or Friday nights for those attending College Visitors' Day and these visitors will be our guests at meals. (No special activity is planned for Thursday evening.) Friday evening there is also the opportunity to see the ILC fall musical, Willy Wonka. It will be performed both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. A band concert will precede it Friday night at 7:00 pm and a variety of student musical performances on Saturday night at 7:00 pm. Please speak with your pastor about questions and attendance. Attendance information and housing requests should be directed to Prof. John Ude, the ILC academic dean, by November 6. Phone: 715-271-5641, email: john.ude@ilc.edu."

CALL NEWS: Doug Priestap, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Live Oak FL, has accepted the part-time call to Resurrection Lutheran, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
OCTOBER 8-13

The Book of Esther reads like a drama compressed to six pages.

Mon chs. 1-3 When Queen Vashti of Persia declined to make a public spectacle of herself just to please the egocentric king, he conducted a beauty pageant, and Esther (un-recognized as a godly Israelite) won the crown. When Esther and Uncle Mordecai foiled an assassination plot against the king, Prime Minister Haman felt outclassed by Mordecai; he managed to convince the king to exterminate all Hebrews and plunder their assets.

Tues chs 4 &5 Well, God had been prepping Esther *for such a time as this*, and she put her life on the line to intercede for her kinsmen. She played her cards well, getting the king to approve a banquet to “honor” the P.M. Haman, who was busy figuring out a way to get Mordecai indicted for sub-ordination, a crime punishable with death. (Now the plot thickens.)

Wed ch. 6 Some time later, when the chronicles were read to help the king nod off, Mordecai’s name popped up, and the king felt bad that Mordecai had not received credit and honor for his good deed. At that very moment Haman appeared on the scene. NOW read verses 6-9 slowly and carefully—to savor how God out-maneuvered Haman so that his attempt to serve himself boomeranged and was turned into great advantage for godly Mordecai. [God was in control, obviously.]

Thurs ch. 7 That was a step ahead for one Hebrew, but what about all the other Hebrews? Well, Queen Esther had a trump card, and she played it well. Haman was unmasked as the villain, and kneeling before Esther for her mercy looked suspicious to the king, so the king executed Haman on the same gallows Haman had erected to hang Mordecai. How ironic is that?

Fri ch. 8 The tables had turned 180 degrees for Mordecai and his fellow Hebrews, a new federal law was enacted to revoke Haman’s anti-Jew decree, even allowing Jews to defend themselves against all assaults—both personal and economic. Jews became elite citizens, a point not lost on others (17).

Sat ch. 9 On the thirteenth day of Adar the Jews avenged themselves, and the 14th and 15th of Adar became **Purim** holidays on the Hebrew calendar, which to this day commemorates Queen Esther’s victory for their people. What shall we say to these things? God had good reason to preserve His people during their Captivities – so that He would produce an unbroken line of true Israelites down through the centuries, and that line of ancestors would culminate in Mary and Joseph, to whom was born the Savior in the little town of Bethlehem long ago and far away. God be praised that Christmas trumps Purim! Hallelujah to Jesus!