

# ***ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 90 (pew bible, p.529)
- ◆ The Hymns: 816, 708, 647 (1-3), 647 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 13:1-6, Mark 10:17-30
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 9

### **Sermon Text – Amos 5:6-15**

#### ***SEEK THE LORD AND LIVE!***

1. Turn from your sins.
2. Trust in the Lord's mercy.
3. Bring forth fruits of faith.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (647, stanza)

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**VISITORS, WELCOME!** The members of S. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – Hebrews 13:1-6

Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 9

P I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart:

**C I will tell of all your wonders.**

P I will be glad and rejoice in you:

**C I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

P For you have upheld my right and my cause:

**C You have sat on your throne, judging righteously.**

P You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked:

**C You have blotted out their name for ever and ever.**

P The LORD reigns forever:

**C He has established his throne for judgment.**

P He will judge the world in righteousness:

**C He will govern the peoples with justice.**

P The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed:

**C A stronghold in times of trouble.**

P Those who know your name will trust in you:

**C For you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

P Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion:

**C Proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

### Second Lesson – Mark 10:17-30

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at

him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.

### **Sermon Text – Amos 5:6-15**

Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground (he who made the Pleiades and Orion, who turns blackness into dawn and darkens day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land — the LORD is his name — he flashes destruction on the stronghold and brings the fortified city to ruin), you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth. You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil. Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

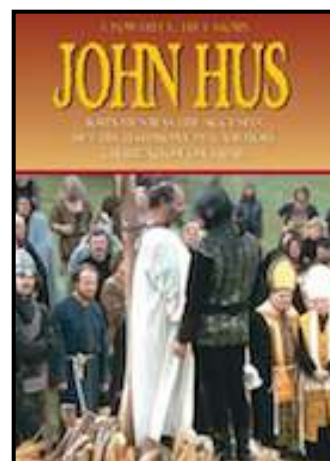
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| Today (10/14) | 9:30 am  | Worship Service                        |
|               | 10:45 am | Sunday School (Isaac, OT 7)            |
|               | 10:45 am | Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting            |
| Fri (10/19)   | 7:00 pm  | Church Movie Night                     |
| Sun (10/21)   | 9:30 am  | Worship Service                        |
|               | 10:45 am | Sunday School (David & Goliath, OT 39) |
|               | 10:45 am | Quarterly Voters' Meeting              |
|               | 2:00 pm  | Colorado Springs Worship Service       |

### SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING OCTOBER

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

**THE PICNIC PLANNED** for today at the parsonage will be held here at the church due to the cold weather.

**CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT:** This Friday at 7:00 pm. DVD to be shown: *"John Hus"* (a forerunner of the Reformation). From the back cover of the DVD case: *"Here is an important chapter in the steps leading up to the Reformation. The history books make little mention of the Bohemian priest and scholar who lived 100 years before Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. Yet, John Hus was convinced and taught openly that the Bible should be presented in the language of the people, that salvation comes by faith in Jesus Christ, and the Word of God is the final authority. Intrigue and false promises weave a powerful story of one man's commitment to faith in Jesus Christ."* After a false trial Hus was condemned as a heretic and burned at the stake. Remarkably, Hus told his judges that he was willing to change if corrected using the Bible. Like the Apostles, he was blessed with the honor of proclaiming God's truth before men of high authority. Even in his death, Hus continued to proclaim the name of his Savior. Before the wind shifted and the flames enveloped him completely, he was heard repeating this prayer: "O Christ, Thou Son of God, have mercy on me." Running time of the movie is 55 minutes.



**AREA REFORMATION SERVICE:** Sunday, October 28 at 4:00 pm., hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland. A potluck meal will follow the service. Need a ride? Speak with Pastor Schuetze who will be happy to provide you with transportation to and from this service.



**NEW DEVOTION BOOK:** Pastor Mark Weis, a CLC pastor serving in Lemmon, SD, recently published a new devotional book called, "One Thing Needful, Volume 2." It contains devotions which fall into four categories: general devotions, devotions on the seven letters to the seven churches of Revelation, the seven 'words' of Jesus from the cross, and the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Those interested can find the book on Amazon by searching for "One Thing Needful, Volume 2, Mark Weis." The cost is \$9.75. His two former books are also on Amazon, titled, "One Thing Needful," and "On Eagles Wings."

**CALL NEWS:** Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck, member at Living Word in Blue Springs, MO, has accepted the call to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. This call is to replace Prof. Paul Schaller who is retiring at the end of June 2019.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

### OCTOBER 15-20

The Book of Job circulates around the triangle of **knowing a)** the ungodly human, **b)** the godly human, and **c)** God Himself.

**Mon chs. 1-3** set the stage. We are staggered that God allowed a non-human “son of God” [one of the angels] to test the integrity of a model child of God. When the Adversary dumped on Job, Job *blessed the name of the LORD*.

**Tues chs. 4-7** Three friends tried to help Job figure out what was happening between him and God—which depended on whether Job fit into category **a)** or into category **b)** above. Job knew he fit into category **b)**, and though he buckled a bit, he stopped short of blaming God, for He wanted to understand God better. In **Chs 8-10** Job took a second “hit” but rebounded.

**Wed chs. 11-14** Zophar thought Job belonged in category **a)**, but Job didn’t believe he was ungodly, and his response to Zophar’s inept judgment rings true: *Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him . . . He also shall be my salvation* (13:15-16). Job believed that God would turn things around for him—whether in this world or in the world to come (14:13-17).

**Thurs chs. 15-19** Job had come to believe that even though it looked like God had abandoned him, God had another better life in store for him. Indeed, Job wanted it recorded for posterity (you and me) that God will not abandon him. *After my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me for the day of Resurrection! We say Amen to that!*

**Fri chs. 20-31** Job allowed that he might deserve the worst that God could hand out—but that depended on a lot of ifs. “IF I have been two-faced about justice, IF I have been lustful, IF I have mistreated my servants, IF I have neglected caring for the needy, IF I have not helped orphans, IF I have been an idolater, IF I have become corrupted, IF I have been unrepentant, and IF God’s green earth cries out against me—**then** I am indeed ungodly and deserve God’s anger.”

**Sat chs. 32-37** Elihu understood God quite well: *God works all these things with a man to salvage his soul from the Pit* (33:29-30), and *God does great things which we cannot comprehend* (37:5). In chs. **38-39** God airs a laundry list of His skills and accomplishments to demonstrate that He is a generous and loving God. In the epilogue of chs. **40-41** when the LORD said: “Don’t act as if you were God, for you can’t do what I can do!” Job humbled himself before the LORD (42:1-6). Then the LORD squared accounts with the novice theologians who understood category **a)** well enough – and even understood category **b)** sufficiently, but were inept at understanding God. [By bringing us from **a)** to **b)** via Jesus, God has thereby clarified **c)** as well. Hallelujah!]